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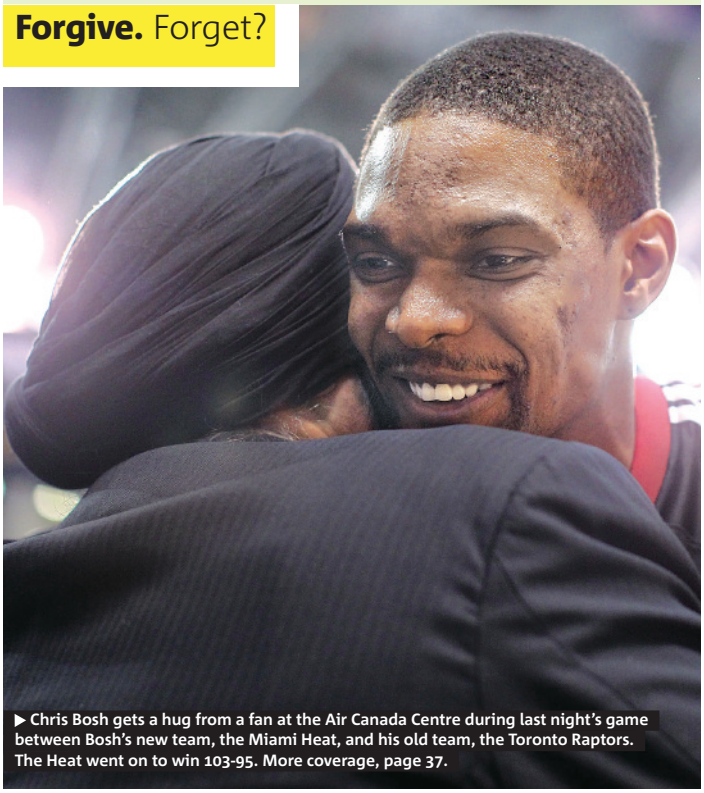

▶ Chris Bosh gets a hug from a fan at the Air Canada Centre during last night's game between Bosh's new team, the Miami Heat, and his old team, the Toronto Raptors. The Heat went on to win 103-95. More coverage, page 37.

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Bosh wins this round, too

Scaring up subway scratch
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Why Agent Orange fell on our trees

Infamous herbicide among chemicals once sprayed on Crown land: Documents ◐ Toxins targeted 'weeds' that stole sunlight from spruces used to print New York Times

Cancer-causing toxins used to strip the jungles of Vietnam were also employed to clear massive plots of Crown land in northern Ontario, government documents obtained by the Toronto Star reveal.

Records from the 1950s, '60s and '70s show that forestry workers, many of whom were students and junior rangers, spent weeks at a time as human markers holding red helium-filled balloons on fishing lines while low-flying planes sprayed toxic herbicides including an infamous chemical mixture known as Agent Orange on the brush and the people below.

A Star investigation examined hundreds of boxes of forestry documents and found the provincial government began experimenting with a powerful hormone-based chemical called 2,4,5-T in Hearst, Ont., in 1957.

Less than 10 years later, the Department of Lands and Forests (now the Ministry of Natural Resources) authorized the use of a more potent mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T for aerial spraying. The combination of those two herbicides in equal parts constituted Agent Orange — the most widely used chemical in the Vietnam War.

Chemical warfare

- The U.S. military began spraying Agent Orange — named for an orange band painted on the shipping barrels — in South Vietnam in 1961.
- The mixture ate through vast swaths of jungle, exposing Viet Cong strongholds.

The government records list the names of five supervisors who worked on spraying programs in northern Ontario during the '50s and '60s. Four of the five have either been diagnosed with or died of cancer.

One of the five, David Buchanan, always wondered what was inside the 45-gallon oil drums he worked with as a 15-year-old at Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company in 1964.

"Even then, it didn't seem right," said Buchanan, now a 52-year-old dentist in Sackville, N.S., who has suffered from a series of illnesses doctors couldn't diagnose: Body-covering hives; persistent bouts of dizziness; and a sperm count so low he couldn't have children. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Controversy. Altered document

▶ Jennifer Henry, manager of dignity and development for Toronto-based ecumenical group KAIROS, wears the organization's new shirt poking fun at International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda's decision to insert the word "not" into a government document denying funding to the group.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calls for Oda's dismissal grow

All three opposition parties are calling for Oda's resignation, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper insists she did nothing wrong when she cut a $7-million grant for KAIROS. "In a democracy, ministers make the decisions," Harper told the House of Commons yesterday. However, he has yet to address the substance of the controversy — that Oda misled the House, misrepresented advice from the civil service and ordered a signed document to be altered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Private subway financing pitched

A Sheppard line extension would probably cost between $3.4B and $4.4B

Mayor Rob Ford wants to use a public-private partnership to extend the Sheppard subway west to Downsview station and as far east as the Scarborough Town Centre.

The latest proposal to find a compromise transit expansion plan would leave the Metrolinx-approved $8.15 billion in provincial transit funds to build light rail underground along Eglinton Avenue to at least Kennedy Station in the east.

As soon as he came into office, Ford threw out the previous Transit City plan to build four light-rail lines, including three above-ground routes. Metrolinx has been working with the city and TTC since December to find a mutually acceptable agreement.

Still to be determined under this latest proposal is whether it would make more sense to convert the obsolete Scarborough RT to subway or make it the same light-rail technology being used on Eglinton.

Subway would be more expensive and Ford might be agreeable to leaving the SRT as above-ground light rail because the line is already separated from traffic. The mayor has said he doesn't want tracks taking up car lanes on the roads.

The LRT along Eglinton could also help relieve overcrowding on the Bloor-Danforth subway line.

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Province

▶ Ontario Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne said provincial analysts will go to work on the proposal. But she reiterated that the province won't spend any more than the $8.15 billion it has already committed to Toronto and that the Eglinton line must go ahead.

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CLARIFICATION

In a story published in Metro Toronto on Feb. 16, a Pizza Nova restaurant is seen in the background of a photo about an unrelated pizzeria shut down by police investigating the sale of drugs.

Pizza Nova is in no way connected to the story. Police investigating nearby Pizza Gigi found $1 million worth of marijuana at that restaurant. Pizza Gigi's owner is facing 15 drug-related charges.

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▶ Patient Philip Stiles receives treatment from researcher Milos Popovic at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

For Philip Stiles, the ability to lift up a credit card is like grabbing the brass ring.

Paralyzed from the neck down during a fall down his home stairs in 2007, the 58-year-old Oshawa man's most fervent wish is to be able to use his hands again.

"Any little bit of (hand) movement would be so beneficial to my life," says Stiles. "When you can't move very much, every little bit is tremendous."

Now, with the help of groundbreaking new research by Toronto Rehabilitation Institute scientists, Stiles' wish is at hand for many quadriplegics.

"If you invest a bit of time, many quadriplegics can actually ... recover hand function," says Dr. Milos Popovic, a senior institute scientist.

"It's not going to work 100 per cent ... but the change is sufficiently profound that you take them from not being able to grasp, or take a shower, to being able to take a shower."

With 40 short, sharp shocks per second to the forearms for 40 one-hour sessions, Popovic's University Avenue team has been able to restore significant hand movement to nine quadriplegics.

About 50 per cent of spinal cord injuries result in quadriplegia — or paralysis from the neck down. But among these patients, some 60 to 70 per cent retain some arm movement, but cannot open or close their hands, Popovic says.

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- **Movement** The best anyone can do for these patients is to implant electrodes directly into the muscles that control finger movements.
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Man upset, claims starving cat denied help

Markham resident Imre Kiss says Toronto Animal Services told him stray cats don't make good pets

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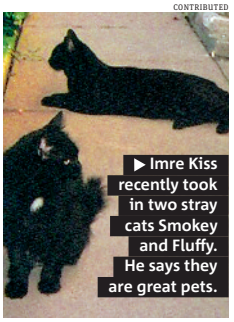

▶ Imre Kiss recently took in two stray cats Smokey and Fluffy. He says they are great pets.

A 74-year-old man is furious with Toronto Animal Services, claiming it refused to help him aid a starving cat.

Imre Kiss, a Markham resident, said he walked into the Toronto Animal Services building at 821 Progress Ave. in Scarborough and asked to borrow a trap to help catch a starving cat he had been feeding.

"I asked them for a trap, they wouldn't give it to me so I asked them what I should do and they said don't feed it.

"I told them it would starve and they said don't feed it," he said.

Kiss claims the man he spoke to advised him not to catch the cat because strays don't make good pets.

"That's rubbish because we took in two (stray) cats and they are so good and so faithful and they are excellent pets," Kiss said.

"I can't stand animal cruelty, these people are in charge of helping animals and they say don't feed it."

Sue Shearstone, supervisor of the Toronto Animal Services branch Kiss visited, said the employee should not have advised Kiss to stop feeding the cat, or have said stray cats cannot be accepted as pets.

"I will follow up with my staff when they come back but we do not advise that someone should stop feeding an animal if that is its only means of survival," Shearstone said.

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Marooned. Brit

▶ British citizen Dawood HeppleWhite packs a suitcase yesterday at a friend's apartment in Toronto.

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On the U.S. no-fly list

HeppleWhite was prevented from boarding a flight back home after appearing on a U.S. no-fly list Sunday. Hepplewhite says a British consular official called with a "one-time offer" from Air Transat to fly him, his wife and children to Glasgow, Scotland, last night. "It's a good sigh of relief, but I don't think this is going to be the last of it," he said.

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Man sent back to China

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Han Lin Zeng, 65, was put on a direct flight to Beijing at 2:30 p.m. yesterday after the Federal Court of Canada denied him a chance to stay his deportation order this morning.

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Chat line date turns into theft

A date set up on a chat line ended in robbery for a London, Ont., man.

Police say a man arranged to meet a woman he met on a chat line.

When he arrived at the designated meeting place Tuesday, the woman and a man were waiting for him and he was robbed at knifepoint.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TB death rate higher among homeless, study finds

Almost one in five homeless people with tuberculosis in Toronto died within 12 months of being diagnosed, a 10-year study has found.

In addition to the higher-than-usual death rate for the infectious disease, which can be spread through droplets released through a cough or sneeze, the study found that a growing proportion of tuberculosis cases in the homeless shelters — 40 per cent — are among immigrants.

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Pay your lunch money forward

Volunteers will be at most TTC stations collecting donations for Lunch Money Day today Stop by Yonge-Dundas Square to eat and help the hungry

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Torontonians are being called out to help feed the city's hungry today at an event dubbed Feeding It Forward, taking place at Yonge-Dundas Square between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The event, which is organized by Second Harvest, encourages people to donate the equivalent of what they would spend on themselves during their lunch break in celebration of the organization's Lunch Money Day.

"We are going to have an army of volunteers at most of the subway stops collecting donations. They will be wearing white chef hats so they're hard to miss," said Stephen Faul, executive director at Second Harvest.

Celebrity chef Bob Blumer, as seen on the Food Network, will host the event at Yonge-Dundas Square where chefs from the Escoffier Society will be cooking up dishes that can be purchased by those who attend, with all proceeds going towards the cause.

"It's a great opportunity to make a tiny sacrifice that will have such a great impact and help feed the hungry in Toronto," said Blumer.

In the past, companies have taken the initiative by collecting money as a whole.

"Companies have bought lunch for everyone and the money employees would have spent on lunch would go towards donations instead," Faul added.

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▶ A Toronto man makes a donation to a Second Harvest volunteer during last year's Lunch Money Day.

Faul said another easy way to make a donation is to visit their website at secondharvest.ca.

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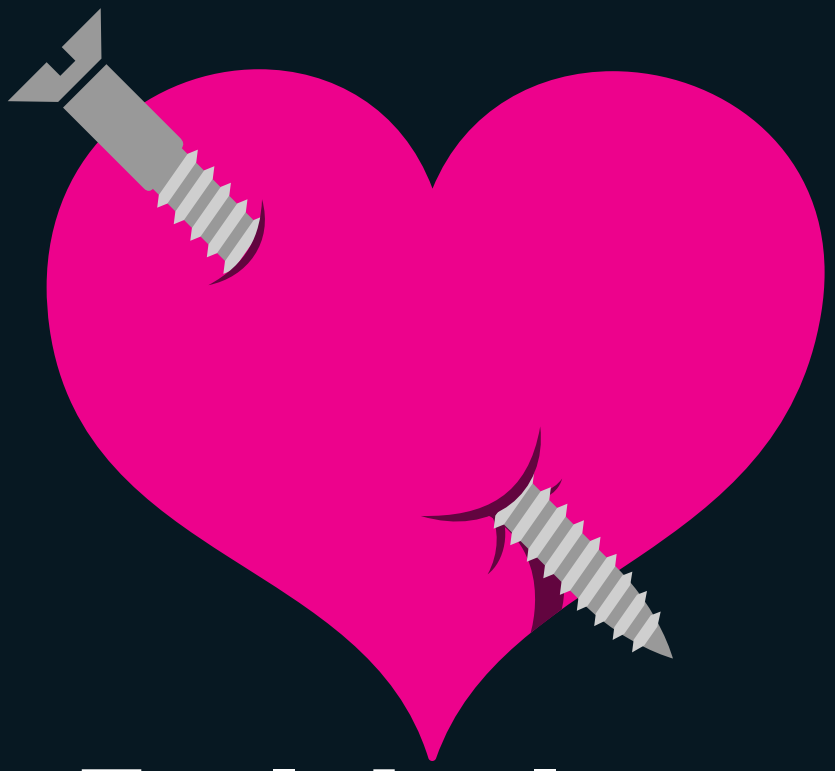

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News in brief

▶ Natalie Munroe

Kids aren't all right: Teacher

BLOGGING. A high school English teacher in Philadelphia who was suspended for a profanity-laced blog in which she called her young charges "disengaged, lazy whiners" is driving a sensation by daring to ask: Why are today's students unmotivated — and what's wrong with calling them out?

Scores of online commenters have applauded Natalie Munroe for her tough love approach or excoriating her for verbal abuse. The blog has been taken down, but its contents can still be found easily online.

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Murder case hinges on DNA

WINNIPEG. The trial of a man charged with first-degree murder in the death of a Winnipeg teen 26 years ago has come down to duelling DNA experts.

"Bad science" is how defence lawyer Saul Simmonds summed up the Crown's case against Mark Edward Grant. He is accused of grabbing Candace Derksen in 1984 and leaving her tied in a shed where she froze to death.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pirate sentenced to 33 years

PUNISHMENT. A Somali pirate who kidnapped and brutalized the captain of a U.S.-flagged merchant ship off the coast of Africa in 2009 was sentenced to more than 33 years in prison yesterday by an emotional judge who told him he deserved a stiff punishment for leading a crew of armed bandits who "appeared to relish their most depraved acts."

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ECUADORIAN CLAN

- Group of interrelated villagers stands shorter than 4 feet
- Stunted height may explain their extremely good health

They smoke. They drink. They're often obese.

Yet they don't suffer from Alzheimer's disease, strokes or diabetes.

One of them did develop a ravaging case of ovarian cancer. But she got better.

A group of some 100 diminutive Ecuadorians, who cling in poverty to mountainside villages in the southern part of that Central American country, may be the most disease-free people on Earth.

And a new study says the protective genetic secret of this extended family holds hope of new treatments for many of the most common ailments of aging.

"Somehow, the chronic disease mode doesn't seem to belong to this group at all," says Valter Longo, one of the study's senior authors. The results were released yesterday by the journal Science Translational Medicine.

"For the first time we have real evidence that these anti-aging (growth hormone) strategies may work (with) on intervention for multiple diseases."
RESEARCHER VALTER LONGO

"They just don't get the illnesses we associate with aging," says Longo, a University of Southern California cell biologist.

Born with a condition called Laron syndrome, many of the interrelated villagers stand shorter than four feet. Their stunted height proved key to the mystery of their extraordinarily hale health, he says.

Their small stature may also make them more susceptible to injuries, Longo adds.

He believes the apparent cancer protections found in the Laron villagers are related to the same anti-aging properties that the growth hormone defects bestow.

Longo says drugs that can block the normal GHR gene functions in people who have already attained full growth could offer protections for a wide range of ailments.

"For the first time we have real evidence that these anti-aging (growth hormone) strategies may work (with) on intervention for multiple diseases," he says.

Indeed, he says, a drug currently approved and used to treat people with a rare, hyper growth syndrome already does just that. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Researcher Valter Longo poses with some of the Ecuadorian villagers studied for their seeming resistance to chronic diseases. A new study in the journal Science Translational Medicine says the genetic secret clan in Ecuador could lead to new treatments for common diseases.

Villagers don't reach old ages, says researcher

Researchers directly observed the tiny villagers for 23 years and looked back through documents and family reminiscences over a century to figure out the riddle.

Doing extensive genetic analysis, they showed that those who lacked both copies of the normal GHR gene have far lower levels of a hormone known as Insulin-like Growth Factor 1, or IGF-1.

Researcher Valter Longo says diminished levels of growth hormones have been repeatedly linked to unusual longevity in simple organisms like yeast and worms.

But while they lead lives free of the most common geriatric maladies, the Ecuadorian villagers don't generally reach extraordinarily old ages.

That's likely due more to their penchant for alcohol, according to Longo.

"They appear to die of a lot of accidents and strange causes," he says.

"And this may be associated ... with the fact that, at least the males, seem to drink a lot."

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More recent studies have also shown that mice with growth hormone defects live 40 per cent longer than their normal counterparts, says Longo.

Disease-resistant group shares a gene mutation

Descended from Spanish conversos — Jews who converted to Christianity to escape the inquisition — the disease resistant villagers all share a mutation in a gene that helps control a critical growth hormone.

This growth hormone receptor gene (GHR) is double recessive, which means the protected individuals must receive one copy from each of their parents to activate its effects.

Relatives of the villagers with only one copy of the gene reach normal heights and are susceptible to all the diseases common among Ecuadorians.

Just how much more healthy are the small dynamos than those in "normal" populations?

"Their obesity prevalence is higher ... and yet in 23 years of direct monitoring, not a single one of them ever developed diabetes," researcher Valter Long says.

Likewise, not a single case of Alzheimer's disease was detected among the lot.

"One of them got cancer, that we know of, in the last 100 years," Longo says.

"They opened her up and decided to give her chemo thinking she was going to die of this. Three years later there was no evidence of cancer in this person."

And only one of the 100 Ecuadorians ever died of stroke, Longo says.

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Military defiance shakes up Egypt

Council that took power from Mubarak on Friday says protests are hampering efforts to salvage the economy

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▶ Jobless archeology graduates protest yesterday in Cairo.

Egyptians staged protests and strikes yesterday over a host of grievances from paltry wages to toxic waste dumping, defying the second warning in three days from the nation's military rulers to halt all labour unrest at a time when the economy is staggering.

Longtime leader Hosni Mubarak's departure set off a chain reaction of revolt around the Middle East with anti-government demonstrations in Libya, Bahrain, Jordan, Yemen and Iraq yesterday.

"We urge citizens and members of professional and labour unions to go back to their positions, and each play their part," the military said in a text message sent to Egyptian cellphones.

The new warning raised expectations of an outright ban on protests and strikes, but it was ignored by people angered over a long list of woes. One of the youth groups that helped organize the anti-Mubarak revolt tweeted yesterday: "Strikes and protests should NOT stop." It said Mubarak's men were still running the government.

The stock market has been closed for the past three weeks and it's uncertain when it will resume operating. The market lost nearly 17 per cent of its value in two tumultuous sessions in late January before it was ordered shut to halt the slide.

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▶ A Libyan pro-government supporter holds a portrait of leader Moammar Gadhafi during a gathering in Tripoli yesterday as Libya braced for a "Day of Anger."

Libyan dictator faces dissent

Anti-government activists emboldened by uprisings elsewhere ◐ Nine activists have been arrested: Group

Egypt-inspired unrest spread against Libya's long-time dictator Moammar Gadhafi yesterday, with riot police clashing with protesters in the second-largest city of Benghazi and marchers setting fire to security headquarters and police stations in two other cities, witnesses said.

Gadhafi's government sought to allay further unrest by proposing the doubling of government employees' salaries and releasing 110 suspected Islamic militants who oppose him — tactics similar to those adopted by other Arab regimes in the recent wave of protests.

Activists using Facebook and Twitter have called for nationwide demonstrations today to demand the ouster of Gadhafi, the establishment of a constitution and comprehensive political and economic reforms. Gadhafi came to power in 1969 through a military coup and has ruled the country without an elected parliament or constitution.

The Benghazi protest began Tuesday, triggered by the arrest of an activist.

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Couple snubs Toronto Canadian taxpayers to pick up tab for trip

Diana already had two years in the spotlight as a member of the Royal Family before she first touched down on Canadian soil.

But her eldest son's new bride will have had only two months.

Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton will visit Canada this summer on their first trip as a married couple, the Governor General and the Prime Minister's Office confirmed yesterday.

The newlyweds arrive June 30 and will celebrate Canada Day in Ottawa.

They'll tour until July 8, stopping in the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, where they will visit Montreal and Quebec City.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper invited the couple to Canada after they announced their engagement last November. The wedding is April 29.

As news of the visit spread online, reaction ranged from "Who cares?" to "Can't wait!" Royal watchers are already pegging the tour as a major test for the new bride.

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Italy. Scandal

▶ Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, right, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev deliver a speech in Rome yesterday. Berlusconi showed aplomb in the face of charges that could end his political career, saying he isn't worried about his impending prostitution trial or calls for his resignation.

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Berlusconi remains defiant before trial

It was the first public comment by the 74-year-old leader since he was indicted Tuesday on charges he paid for sex with a 17-year-old Moroccan girl and then used his influence to cover it up. He spoke shortly before holding talks and a working dinner with Medvedev, his first international meeting since the indictment. Berlusconi has denied any wrongdoing, dismissing the accusations as "groundless" and the case as a "farce" and a "shame." He has accused prosecutors of trying to topple his government.

Ottawa too soft on tax crimes: Report

Just 16% of convicted tax criminals in Canada are put behind bars, compared with 81% in U.S., 74% in Australia and 60% in Britain

An internal report on Canada's efforts to catch and prosecute tax crooks says the federal government is letting too many criminals off the hook.

The newly released probe into the Canada Revenue Agency's enforcement arm found a raft of problems that suggest officials are doing a poor job of battling fraudsters and criminal organizations.

The findings appear at odds with the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda, which has lately included tougher parole restrictions for white-collar criminals. The internal document indicates the vast majority of criminals convicted of defrauding the government itself aren't even sent to jail or prison.

Among the findings:

▶ Overworked tax cops go after the small fry instead of the big tax dodgers, just to have some quick successes.

▶ Too many tax investigations go nowhere because of shoddy legwork and a poor working relationship with prosecutors.

▶ Far fewer convicted tax cheats go to jail in Canada compared with other countries.

▶ Half the fines levied on convicted tax criminals go unpaid.

A spokeswoman for the revenue minister declined comment, citing Keith Ashfield's recent news release saying the government "is committed to ensuring that our system continues to improve itself."

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Firm fraud

- A relatively new phenomenon cited in the evaluation is the fraudulent behaviour of firms that prepare income tax forms for a fee. Some smaller players have been caught fabricating false tax-deduction receipts for clients, such as phoney charitable donations.
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That has existing online travel sites such as Kayak, Expedia and Travelocity worried that they won't stand a chance of competing, a scenario that could lead to higher fares.

The U.S. Justice Department is expected to rule soon on whether to let Google Inc. buy ITA for $700 million US. The deal would give Google control over software that has helped power the reservation systems of most major U.S. airlines and a fleet of online fare-comparison services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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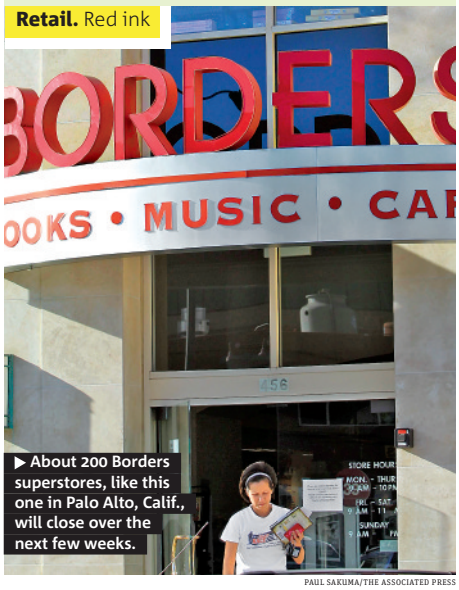

▶ About 200 Borders superstores, like this one in Palo Alto, Calif., will close over the next few weeks.

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Borders on the brink

American bookseller Borders, which helped pioneer superstores that put countless independent bookshops out of business, filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, sunk by crushing debt and failure to adapt to the web and electronic books. The 40-year-old company will close about 200 of its 642 stores over the next few weeks. According to the Chapter 11 filing, Borders had $1.29 billion US in debts and had not reported a profit since 2006.

Travellers head south for savings

It can cost half as much to fly from a U.S. airport

More than one in five Canadian leisure travellers ducked higher domestic airfare taxes and fees last year by driving to the United States to fly to U.S. or international destinations, says a Hotel Association of Canada survey.

The number of Canadians who hopped the border rose by three percentage points from 18 per cent in 2009, says the survey, released yesterday. An additional 11 per cent of Canadians said they would also consider making the trek this year, in part because of the strong loonie.

The potential for almost one-third of Canadian travellers to avoid their local airport could cost Canadian airports, hotels and airlines billions of dollars in lost business, association president Tony Pollard said. The growing trend highlights the need for Ottawa to reduce airport fees, travel costs and airline surcharges, he said.

73%
The number of leisure travellers who use the web to gather information before they book travel. Some 86 per cent of business travellers also use the web.

The savings from driving an hour or so to fly from a U.S. airport can be substantial. For example, a mid-week round-trip Air Canada flight to Orlando, Fla., from Pierre Trudeau International Airport in Montreal costs $629, including $137 in fees, taxes and surcharges. But Star Alliance partner United Airways offers the trip from Burlington, Vt., for $308, including $42.80 in taxes and fees.

The travel industry has long pleaded without much success for the government to reduce taxes and fees.

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Personal debt rising, but cards put on ice

- Canadians turn to lines of credit to save on interest
- Auto loans climb as buyers opt for new vehicles

Personal debt went up substantially across the country during the fourth quarter of 2010, despite a drop in the amount borrowed on credit cards, a credit analysis firm reported yesterday.

TransUnion said average debt per Canadian consumer, excluding mortgages, was $25,709, up 5.6 per cent from $24,346 in the same period of 2009.

Only a small portion of the total in either year was drawn on credit cards. In fact, credit card debt in the fourth quarter dropped by 2.7 per cent from a year before to $3,688.

Lines of credit were the biggest form of consumer debt tracked, and rose to nearly $34,000, up 8.8 per cent over the year.

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▶ Canadians left the cards at home.

"Many Canadians have learned to use credit cards in their initial purchase and then pay off or down the balance using their line of credit," said Thomas Higgins, TransUnion's vice-president of analytics. "This allows them to take advantage of both the loyalty programs many credit cards offer and lower interest rates of their line of credit."

Auto loans were the second-biggest form of non-mortgage debt and TransUnion found the average rose to nearly $16,200 per borrower in the fourth quarter, up 11 per cent from a year before. But total auto debt declined to $45.8 billion from $48.3 billion in the same period of 2009.

"This means Canadians are purchasing either higher-end vehicles or newer ones," Higgins said.

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I don't know how to cook, but I've decided to face up to it the way Western society has taught me: I'm going to blame my childhood.

My Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Gerrior did an excellent job filling me with a fear of the deadly stove, the killer oven, and especially the child-killing pot of boiling water with its handle pointed outward. I can't even look at a pot on a stove without superimposing a red "X" over top.

With fear sowed in my heart, I approached the oven in my early years gingerly, like it was a lion at feeding time. Grabbing a kitchen chair and a whip would have been entirely appropriate.

I remember trying to make breakfast without getting hot grease to splash onto my flesh, which seemed to happen every morning without fail, even if I was making Corn Flakes.

On top of that, I was born with no spatial skills, so every time I tried to peel a potato or beat cream it caused, at minimum, $400 damage.

It got even worse in junior high because I had to take home economics, which oddly never had anything to do with economics. I think it was called that because the class helps you realize you'll need to pay for hired help when you grow up if you want to survive.

"Using these as my guideposts, I plan to face up to my shortcomings and at long last learn how to cook. I'll start with one of my favourite childhood recipes: I just need two all-beef patties, lettuce and cheese."

I was yelled at by the Grade 8 home ec teacher because I washed a sink full of dishes without soap, because I spent five minutes trying to figure out what was wrong with a sewing machine that was unplugged and, when it came to cooking ... well, let's just say my favoured ingredient was tears.

Now here I am, a 34-year-old "culi-nary" who isn't entirely sure what "broil" means.

My mother, always in touch with my needs, just sent me two cookbooks in the mail: Cooking For Men, which features a cover image of a man contemplating an egg in a way that makes you wonder which has the higher IQ. The other book is called, Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen!

Using these as my guideposts, I plan to face up to my shortcomings and at long last learn how to cook. I'll start with one of my favourite childhood recipes: I just need two all-beef patties, lettuce and cheese.

So, where does one buy special sauce?

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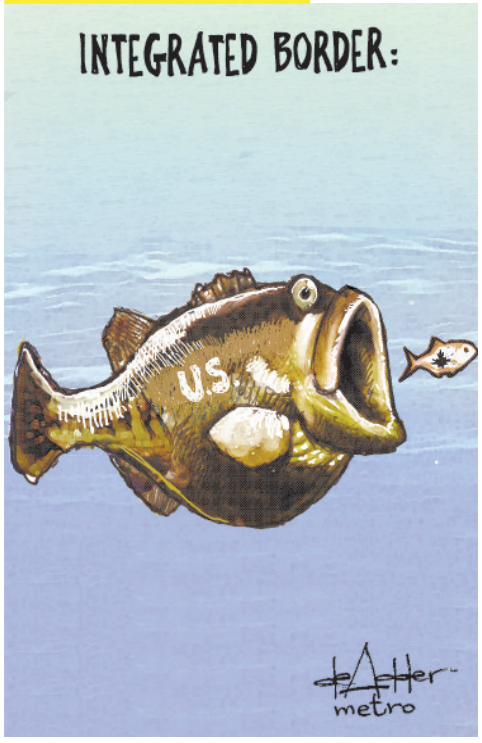

Something fishy in China

Worth mentioning

Animal activists in China say a now-famous magic trick with goldfish swimming in sync for the Lunar New Year may have involved abuse including implanted magnets, and are asking the state broadcaster not to air it again.

Hundreds of millions of people watched the magic trick during a China Central Television gala on the Jan. 30 eve of the Lunar New Year festival. The gala is China's most watched broadcast of the year.

Goldfish are a symbol of wealth in China, but the image of six of them swimming in perfect sync under magician Fu Yandong's direction alarmed some Chinese, who worried that magnets were implanted in the fish or that they were controlled by electric current.

Fifty-three animal rights groups and other groups have sent a letter to CCTV asking not to let Fu perform the trick again during today's broadcast of the Lantern Festival, which ends the Lunar New Year events.

Fu won't explain how his trick works, but has defended his actions, saying on his Twitter-like microblog that the goldfish are "living happily."

Like many Chinese, the animal rights groups want to know how the trick is done and have asked for a group of independent experts to examine the fish.

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Metro Minute at Turning Point Fitness

It may not propel you toward enlightenment, but the yoga-dance fusion class at Turning Point Fitness will lead you through the funkiest set of sun salutations this side of nirvana.

Oh, don't get your Lululemon in a bunch, yoga purists. The rest of the city belongs to you. But for those who want to try something a little different, the daily dance fit classes combine Pilates strength exercises and jazz cardio training, followed by a 20-minute Yogic cool down. That means the program, developed by dancer and entrepreneur Timea Wharton, provides the perfect balance of calming salve to her butt-kicking, sweat-inducing dance routines. Jazz hands and yoga legs? Now that's a sexy combo. JORDANA DIVON

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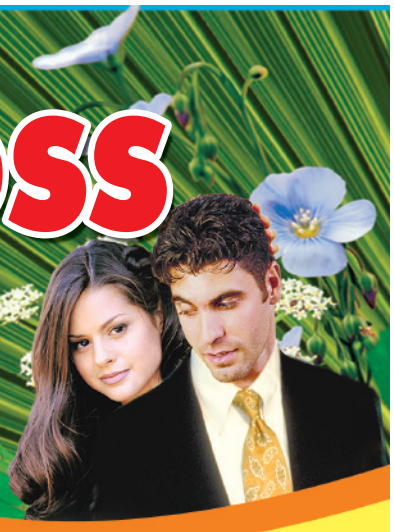

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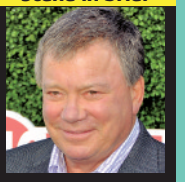

Canadian film and TV star William Shatner will host this year's Genie Awards. The Star Trek captain says he's looking forward to seeing many of his friends at next month's televised bash. The Genies celebrate the year's biggest achievements in Canadian film. Leading nominees include Barney's Version and Incendies.

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Sex, money and cosmetic surgery centre stage in new opera about tabloid diva Anna Nicole Smith

The man-cave gets a modern update

Designer Ramsin Khachi built a male oasis for the National Home Show ◗ Aimed for a clean, organized space that is still cool

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The man cave has seen a lot of changes over the years, shifting from a de facto hovel to an extravagant showpiece of male independence. But while it's been championed on Home Improvement and mocked on Perfect Couples, today the man-cave is experiencing an identity crisis.

"There's a stigma that goes along with a man cave," says Ramsin Khachi, owner of the Khachi Design Group. "The image is a dark dingy place with La-Z-Boy recliners and beer."

Asked to design one for the model home at this year's National Home Show, Khachi decided to use the opportunity to redefine what a man cave — a term he hates — can be.

"It really should reflect what you would recognize as the average male today," he says. "Someone that takes care of themselves, takes pride in what he looks like, takes pride in his things and who likes spending time with his kids and his wife."

Planning began two months ago, when Khachi drew up a rough draft of the space after choosing his client. Thankfully, he didn't have to look very far. "I often use myself as the client because I think of myself as the average guy."

The shell of the garage was built first, with the inner materials still being sorted out at last minute. Budgets and timelines, both out of Khachi's hands, ultimately decide what does and doesn't make it in. "A lot of compromises have to be made and the goal is just to minimize those compromises."

The final product is "a sleek, clean space," says Khachi. "It's very organized." Of course, there's also the putting green that's built into the floor and potentially a foosball table that descends from the ceiling. "You always want to have a cool element," he concedes.

Model homes

Selling it. A lot of time and hard work goes into building a model home. So what happens to the space when the Home Show is over? "They're hoping to sell the structure and then erect it on someone's property," says Ramsin Khachi. Of course, some preparation needs to be done before snagging a quick, ready-made man cave this weekend. Prospective buyers need to pour a concrete slab next to their home and install gas and electrical lines before it's theirs for the taking. But, he says, it's a relatively easy project. "All the materials and construction are done."

▶ Rasmin Khachi wanted to get away from the dark, dingy look man-caves are known for.

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Letterman show duped

Prankster books Lindsay Lohan on Late Show without her knowing

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▶ David Letterman

Maybe Late Show With David Letterman should present the Top 10 ways it should be more careful booking its guests.

Just hours after CBS announced on Tuesday that Lindsay Lohan would appear on Thursday's show to present the Top 10 list, Lohan tweeted: "I am NOT going to be doing David Letterman, I'm not sure how this happened, but I am sorry for the confusion..."

Yesterday morning, a spokesman for Letterman's production company acknowledged that Late Show had been duped.

"We made a mistake," said Worldwide Pants' Tom Keaney in a statement. "Someone purporting to be a friend of Lindsay's reached out to the show yesterday, allegedly on her behalf, and booked her to appear."

"Clearly, this person was not authorized to make commitments on her behalf," the statement said.

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Living like a Rolling Stone

Bieber talks about sex, abortion, and why he won't become American

Canuck heart-throb Justin Bieber says he'll never become a U.S. citizen and he thinks sex should only take place when two people love each other. The tidbits are revealed in a new Rolling Stone cover story on the teen.

The magazine is teasing the interview on its website ahead of the issue's Friday release.

In the story, Bieber says he wants to remain Canadian because of the healthcare system, noting that his U.S. bodyguard had a premature baby and was stuck with hospital bills.

He also offers his views on sex. Asked if he believes in abstinence before marriage, Bieber says he thinks people should wait to fall in love.

Rolling Stone reporter Vanessa Grigoriadis also asked Bieber about his stance on abortion. "I really don't believe in abortion," Bieber told the magazine. "It's like killing a baby?" When asked if it was acceptable in cases of rape, he told Rolling Stone: "Um. Well, I think that's really sad, but everything happens for a reason. I guess I haven't been in that position, so I wouldn't be able to judge that."

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▶ 11 teams, who competed in previous editions of The Amazing Race, will return for the show

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WHY ISN'T THE RACE BROADCAST IN HD?

The Amazing Race host Phil Keoghan is glad he'll never be asked this question ever again: Why isn't the race broadcast in HD?

After years of sticking to standard definition, CBS' around-the-world competition expands to HD for the first time Sunday with an Unfinished Business edition starring former contestants.

"For a long time, people have said to me that they couldn't believe we weren't in HD," said Keoghan. "For me, it was just very frustrating because I didn't disagree with them. I think if there's any show on prime-time network television that lends itself to HD, it's The Amazing Race. It screams for HD, and it's been screaming for HD for a long time."

Several other reality TV shows have been broadcast in HD for years. (CBS Survivor upgraded to HD in 2009.)

After years of blaming the expense and challenge of using HD equipment on the road, Amazing Race producers made the change for the 18th season, promising crisp images of racers climbing a glacier in Switzerland and interacting with animals in China.

The switcheroo is striking in the premiere episode when 11 teams of veteran contestants who have never won the show's $1 million grand prize set off from a wind farm in Palm Springs, Calif., for sunny Sydney, Australia, where the challenges include diving into a murky shark tank and navigating a 16-foot skiff along the glistening Manly Cove.

"Visually, it will be a much richer show," promised executive producer Bertram van Munster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Speech's roots in reality

Writer of Oscar nominated The King's Speech, David Seidler struggled with his own speaking impediment Drew inspiration from George VI

Telling the story of the stammering king, George VI, has been a lifetime ambition for David Seidler, ever since he subdued his own stutter nearly 60 years ago.

Born seven months after George took the British throne in 1936, screenwriter Seidler grew up paralyzed by the same impediment he depicts the monarch struggling to overcome in The King's Speech, the best-picture favourite at the Academy Awards.

From just before his third birthday to age 16, Seidler stumbled and sputtered over his syllables so badly that he lived in terror of speaking in class, talking to girls, even answering the phone.

"I had huge trouble with the 'H' sound, so when the telephone rang, I would break into a cold sweat, because I couldn't say hello," Seidler, 73, said in an interview.

Born in Britain, Seidler developed a stammer in 1940 on a boat to the United States, where his family moved during World War II. Seidler, who had an uncle with a boyhood stammer, figures his own began from the trauma of German bombs, the sea voyage and abrupt separation from his beloved nanny.

As George VI rallied his country, the young Seidler heard the king valiantly struggling through his radio addresses and hoped he might one day master his own speech troubles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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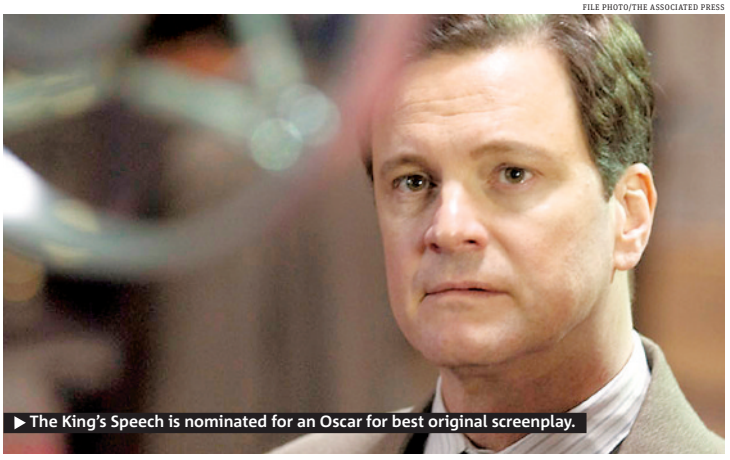

▶ The King's Speech is nominated for an Oscar for best original screenplay.

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DAVID SEIDLE

Oscars

The Oscar's winners' envelope is changing.

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Star Oscar nods linked to strokes

Study shows that Hollywood lifestyle has its risks

Hollywood trivia quiz: What do Sharon Stone, Dudley Moore, James Garner and Elizabeth Taylor have in common besides an Oscar nomination? All have suffered strokes, a reminder that money and fame can't insulate you from a health risk that much can be done to prevent, researchers said Thursday.

The International Stroke Conference is being held in Tinseltown for the first time, just a few weeks before this year's Oscars are to be awarded. So researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles had the idea to check movie stars' rates of heart attacks and strokes.

"We see the diseases that ravage them just as they ravage the rest of the country and the world," said Dr. Jeffrey Saver, director of the stroke centre at UCLA. He has treated several Hollywood glitterati who suffered strokes.

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▶ Sharon Stone

For their study, researchers searched the Internet and a movie industry database to compile a list of all best actor/actress nominees since the Oscars began in 1927 through 2009.

Strokes

Those who suffered strokes after a recent best actor/actress nomination

- **Stars:** Dudley Moore, James Garner, Sharon Stone, Samantha Morton, Elizabeth Taylor

Of the 409 nominees, at least 29 have suffered strokes — six were fatal — and 39 have had heart attacks. Stroke sufferers were 35 on average when nominated and 67 when stricken. It put a dent in their careers — film and TV appearances fell 73 per cent in the three years after a stroke and 69 per cent after a heart attack, said study co-ordinator Hannah Smith of UCLA.

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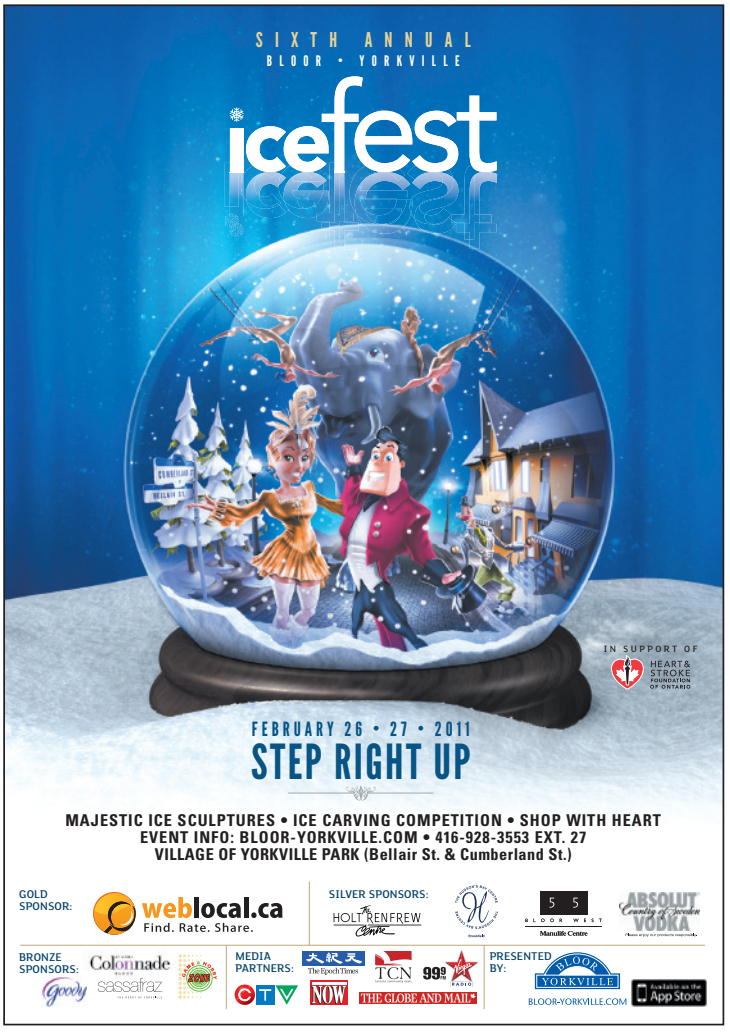

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▶ Katy Perry and Russell Brand

Perry's mom wants grandkids

Katy Perry and Russell Brand have only been married a few months, but her mom is already putting pressure on the newlyweds.

"I just can't wait for them to have babies. Grandma, here we come!" Mary Perry tells People magazine. Mary also admits she's impressed by how the couple balances their hectic schedules.

"I don't know whether it's private jets or what, but they make it work," she says. METRO

Neeson used work to deal with tragedy

Nearly two years after wife Natasha Richardson's tragic death, Liam Neeson is opening up for the first time.

"I think I survived by running away some. Running away to work," he tells Esquire magazine. "It's easy enough to plan jobs, to plan a lot of work. That's effective." METRO

Witness could help Lohan

Starlet's father says a man is contradicting a jewelry store owner's claims in the theft case against Lohan

A new witness has come forward to help Lindsay Lohan, her father tells Radar Online.

"A man contacted Lindsay's camp and told them he went into the jewelry store way before Lindsay did and was interested in buying the necklace," Michael says, referring to the $2,500 item Lindsay is accused of stealing.

But the man claims the store, "told him it was $800."

For Michael, that's enough: "This witness will completely exonerate Lindsay and prove that the necklace isn't worth $2,500, and prove that she shouldn't have been charged with a felony," he says.

Lohan pleaded not guilty to a felony grand theft charge in last week. METRO

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▶ Lindsay Lohan.

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▶ Nicole Richie

Richie has a view on Sheen

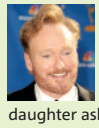
A veteran of rehab herself, Nicole Richie has some thoughts on Charlie Sheen's current attempts at sobering up.

"I don't think he should make it somebody else's responsibility to keep him sober," she said while co-hosting The View, referring to Sheen's comments that his CBS bosses had meddled in his personal life.

"If he wants (his sobriety) to last for a long time, it's up to him," Richie said. "He's an adult and he needs to take responsibility for his actions." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] When people start a sentence with "I'm gonna write..." I always think, "No you won't"



Conan O'Brien [@ConanOBrien] My daughter asked me not to come drunk to her school play. Too bad, I really wanted to see it.

Louis C.K [@louisck] My twitter pledge: For every promotional tweet, I will tweet a tweet that is strained, unfunny and void of useful content.

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Watson gets a ribbing while being honoured

Emma Watson received more than just accolades when presented with a Style Icon award at the Elle Style Awards in London recently. She also got something of a ribbing from presenter and designer Vivienne Westwood.

"They said Emma Watson. I said, 'Who is Emma Watson?' I never watch television, I don't read fashion magazines," Westwood said during her introduction, according to the Daily Mail. "I've never seen Harry Potter' I didn't know he had this girl friend called Hermione … So I would like to give this award to Emma, who I've just met." Watson, to her credit, accepted with a laugh. METRO

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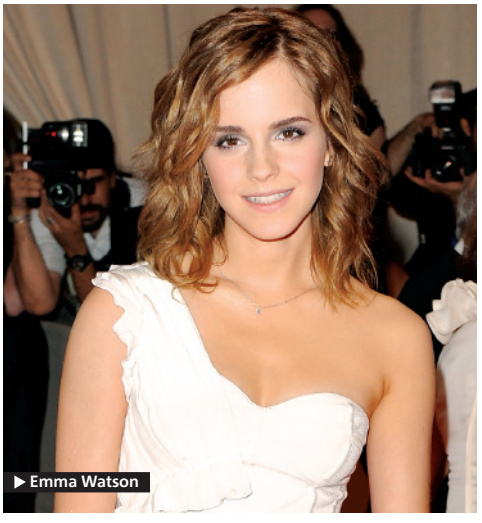

▶ Emma Watson

Posh spends big on nursery

Victoria Beckham is reportedly splurging on the nursery for her and husband David Beckham's fourth child, spending as much as $250,000 on the project, according to the Star.

Of course, Victoria "hasn't looked at a price tag for a single thing she's bought. If she wants it, she gets it, no questions asked," a source says. "Believe me, that baby will be surrounded in luxury from the minute she, or he, comes home from the hospital." METRO

New York Fashion Week struts to a high-fashion halt today
But the impact of these five fab shows is bound to last well beyond the end of the catwalk

New York runway roundup

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HERVÉ LÉGER

How many ways can one rework the bandage dress? Countless, apparently. Max Azria managed to give the famously sexy bandage dress a cool update by adding some edge, literally. Gold chain links and ivory studs were just a few of the medals embellishing the body sculpting mini and knee-length dresses he churned out. A version in houndstooth, which has been an especially popular print this week, was a standout in the show.

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RODARTE

The slightly bohemian collection was softer and quieter than the gold glamazons they created last season, but it was similar in that layering played a big part. Models paraded in front of a front row that included Kanye West and Sofia Coppola in long wool, cinched waist swing coats worn over slightly longer, floaty dresses. When it was all said and done, the collection left no question of the sisters' maturing craftsmanship.

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MARC JACOBS

The always directional Marc Jacobs took a stiff right turn away from the easy, floaty course he'd taken last season. His new collection was about more constructed looks in futuristic silhouettes with loads of circle-shaped sequins, paillettes and latex appliqués. That means you can pretty much guarantee that the season's trend for shiny, shimmery looks will be fairly huge next fall. It's also worth noting that his dress and high waisted skirt lengths were higher (knee-length) compared to last season's.

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THAKOON

After years of showing his collection in a cold, gallery space, Thakoon moved his show to the sprawling, opulent ballroom at The Plaza hotel. The clothes were beautifully constructed and made of contrasting elements that somehow made sense. Bold African prints mixed with lumberjack plaids and tweeds on asymmetrical coats, bustled skirts and elaborately draped dresses. It all made for one of the most creative shows we've seen this week so far.

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DKNY

If you're curious to know what the big trends will be for fall, have a look at DKNY's mod-themed collection, which featured smart interpretations of most of them including long flared trousers, soft quilted jackets and precisely tailored coats and separates, to name a few. The colour palette, which had lots of charcoal gray, navy and black interspersed with bright lipstick red and blush, was also right in step with the moment.

Top trends

Trends to watch out for.
1) Lumberjack plaids (Thakoon, Derek Lam, Y-3)
2) Shades of gray (Alexander Wang, Jason Wu, Max Azria)
3) Mixed and matched prints, as shown above (Suno, Thakoon, Duro Olowu)
KENYA HUNT

Diesel Black Gold fashion line for fall: Military vibe mixed with antique looks

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▶ Silky lingerie-like looks at Dries van Noten...

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▶ ...and at Rochas too.

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▶ Light, billowing, leg-revealing skirts at Lanvin...

▶ ...and at Marc Jacobs too.

Where do fashion trends come from?

In the span of one month, designers in four different corners of the world show strikingly similar runway looks
Is it all a result of some fashion memo on high, or just a big, global coincidence? We get to the bottom of things

Statement jewels

Two labels that are hot on the tongues of fashion editors:

Pamela Love Mood ring, shopbop.com

Nicholas King cuff, nicholasking.co.uk

Every runway season, fashion houses across the world show similar colours, fabrics and silhouettes that become known as the trends of the moment. For autumn/winter '10, for example, the collections were one big blur of beige, while spring/summer '11 was all breezy, diaphanous dresses. How is it that so many creative visions align?

Designers purchase their fabrics from mills, which show new collections twice a year at fairs such as Premiere Vision in Paris and Pitti Filati in Florence. The fabrics that are highlighted usually end up on the runways. "The fabric mills show colours, yarns and proportions to all the designers," explains Kevin Carrigan, Global Creative Director of Calvin Klein. "From these fabric fairs, designers begin to decipher the major global trends of the season with each house interpreting the inspiration in it's own way and putting their spin on the fashion zeitgeist," he explains.

The colours that the fabrics come in are often influenced by a handful of colour trend services such as Peclers Paris and Nelly Rodi who consult with the fabric mills. These companies hold seminars and create concept books that predict trends up to six years in advance.

Once a collection is shown, a whole copy-cat cycle begins where designers mimic what they see being done by fashion leaders such as Miuccia Prada, Marc Jacobs, Alber Elbaz and Phoebe Philo among others.

TO TREND OR NOT TO TREND?

Whether or not the fashion world's trend cycle is good for creativity remains debatable.

"The rapid dissemination of information via the Internet, social media and streamed live fashion shows facilitates the instant travel of trends," says Tamara Albu, Director of the A.A.S. Fashion Design Program at Parsons School of Fashion in New York.

"For many designers who struggle to stay competitive, getting their hints from such sources, processing them as quickly as they can, and translating them into their own collections often results in redundancy and lack of trust in their own self expression," she adds.

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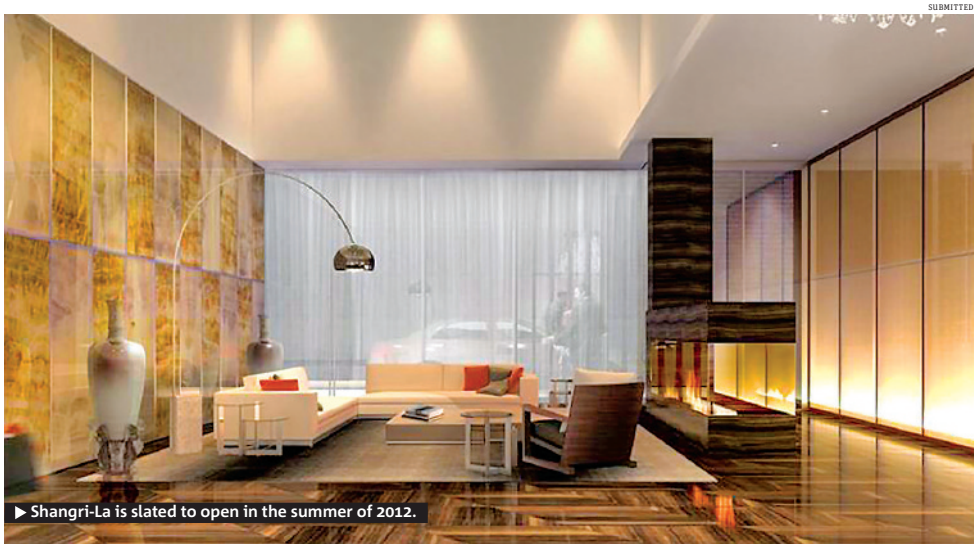

▶ Shangri-La is slated to open in the summer of 2012.

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▶ The complex is located next to Toronto's financial district.

The project overview

Shangri-La condominiums and estates in Toronto's downtown core will have 66 storeys and 370 units, and is slated for opening in the summer of 2012. The building is conveniently located at the corner of University Ave., and Adelaide St., on the edge of Toronto's financial sector.

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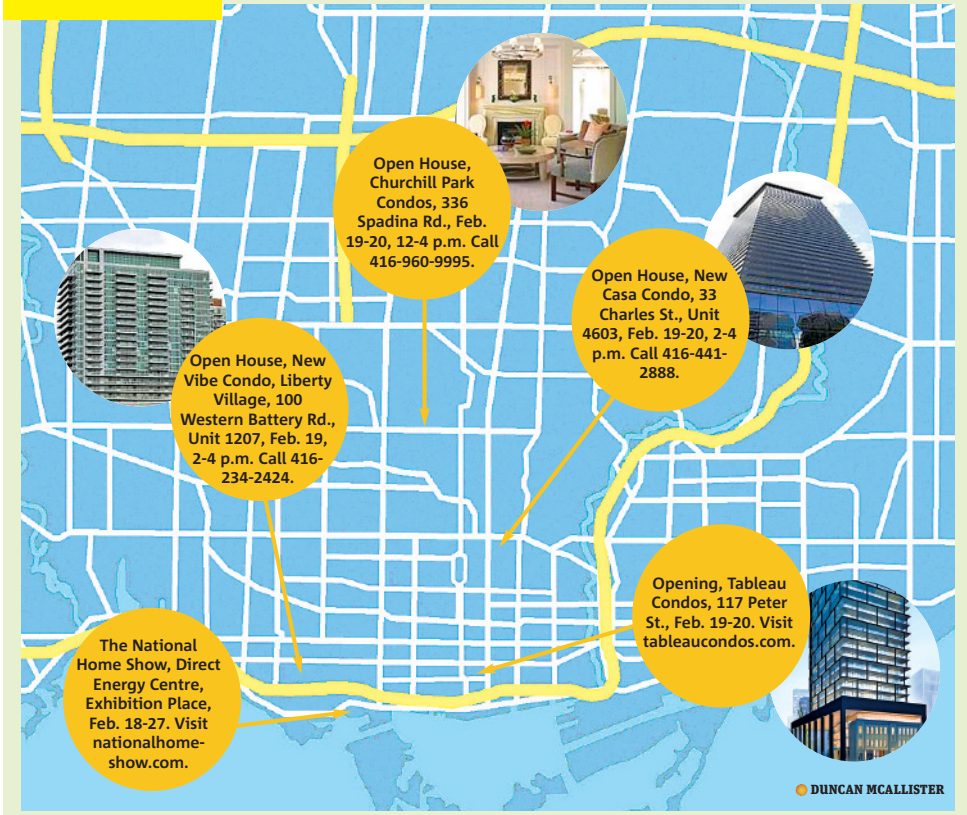

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1. Collect some personal referrals. Look for contractors who have already done good work for family members, friends and neighbours.

Your local homebuilders association is another source of leads.

2. Start with informal meetings. Don't be in a rush to get formal quotations. At first, you just want to see if you get a good feeling about the different candidates.

If you don't like them over a cup of coffee, you won't fall in love with them when they start ripping into your walls.

3. Letters of reference are overrated. No contractor is going to show you a bad one!

Instead, ask about the job(s) the contractor is doing right now. If they have no jobs "right now," be very wary. Whatever they are currently working on, ask to talk to that homeowner personally.

4. Three or four quotes are enough. Throw out any quotes that are more than ten or 15 per cent higher or lower than the average.

5. Make your final decision on a combination of gut feel and price.

You might get a much warmer feeling about the second-lowest (or even third-lowest) quote than the low bidder. Trust your instincts. That person might be your best bet.

6. Don't do "under the table" deals. If there is no formal contract and no record of payment, what are you going to do if the job goes bad?

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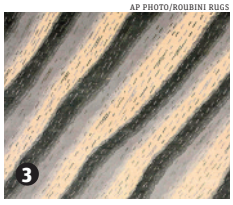

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Creating a room with atmosphere

Atmospheric decor is characterized by soft textures, transparency, iridescence or opacity — or all of those at once. It can create a mood of quietude and retreat. And it is, some designers say, popular now as an antidote to an increasingly jarring world.

"We're seeking balance and understanding, and we want to unclutter our minds," says design consultant Laura Guido-Clark of Berkeley, Calif. Despite atmospheric decor's quietude, it has "an inherent energy," she says.

Many of these elements were on the runways of Monique Lhuillier and Chanel this spring, and in furnishings, they offer a counterpoint to the season's alter ego, an exuberant jumble trunk of hot hues and wild colours.

The colours in atmospherics tend to be lightweight and sheer — as Guido-Clark notes, "veiled like mist or air." Yet there can also be elements of strength and purity. We see a lot of dreamy hues — soft whites, blush, silver — but also hefty colours such as graphite and charcoal.

Textures include voile, moire silk, slubbed wool, crystal, hammered metals, blown glass, ceramic, even translucent concrete.

Japanese designer Tokujin Yoshioka creates conceptual furniture out of interesting materials. He's designed a line of thick, clear polycarbonate furniture for Kartell called The Invisibles.

Trove's dreamlike wallpapers include Ciel, with a cloud motif; an oceanic Sargasso; and Nekkar and Askella, both featuring a cascade of feathery petals.

At Design Within Reach, find One & Co.'s 47 Table, a chunk of timber given a shimmery coat of silver. Or gravitate toward the Toto Cube Lamp, created by a French wine tank manufacturer during its quiet season. The lamp is large enough to use as a seat or table, and is lit from inside with a warm glow.

Pier 1 has the Swirl Lamp, a sinuous twist of antiqued silver, and ruched, voile throw pillows in foggy, smoky hues. Ruffles in lightweight fabrics work nicely in this theme; check out Urban Outfitters and Pottery Barn for frothy, water-coloured shower curtains and bedding. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sourcebook

- **Design Within Reach.** Toto cube lamp: $275, dwr.com
- **Roubini Rugs.** Layers rug from Campion Platt's Mariner Collection: $3,960, roubinirugs.com
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TAXING TAXES

I have just received my supplementary tax bill from the City and it appears as though they are trying to collect more money that was remitted to the builder at the time of closing and paid on my behalf. I contacted the builder who says he paid the City and the City is now charging me for the taxes that the builder says he remitted. If I pay the City the full amount, they will effectively be getting a double payment. What do you suggest?

There seems to be a disconnect somewhere. Either the builder neglected to remit the tax payment or the City has not credited your account.

I would assume that if this is your case, that the other owners in your building have the same problem.

This could either mean a large overpayment of the taxes to the City or the builder is mistaken about his payment. One way or another, I would suggest you enlist the assistance of the lawyer who helped you purchase your condo to get this matter sorted.

If there is still a discrepancy, you may call upon your title insurance company to also lend a hand. Generally they will require information with respect to the tax status, will then often pay the outstanding amount and then follow up and figure out who owes what.

Regardless, you should somehow make sure the payment is made, otherwise penalties may apply to a late payment.

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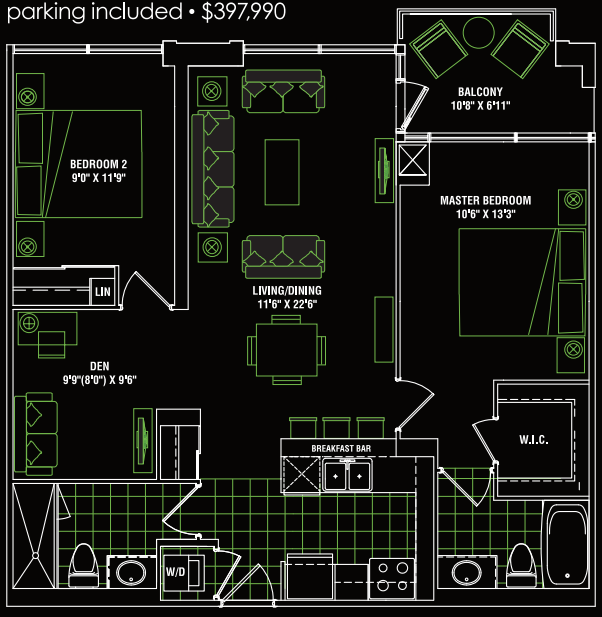

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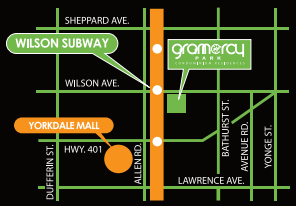

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The industrial revolution

Give your space an industrial feel with vintage army furniture, factory photos and reproduction lighting

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Many style-conscious urban dwellers are thirsting for not only the cool loft look, but also the time-worn industrial look. It adds charm to a space and what I call "stories" to chat about; an old factory table or machinery-inspired picture frame can add much-needed interest to a boring, boxy apartment or condo.

Many factory-made furniture pieces and accessories can be had for not a lot of money — a quick cruise through the online classifieds (like Craigslist or Kijiji) and you're bound to find things like vintage office desks, cabinets and work tables. Here's a few new pieces from some favourite retailers.

Let it shine

Vintage army, postal and hospital furniture is all the rage when the paint is stripped down and the metal is laquered to a shiny metal finish. Although not inexpensive, their durability means you'll have a piece that lasts another lifetime. Search for pre- and post-war metal furnishings online at classifieds like Craigslist and Kijiji. 1930's French Postal Desk, $2,800, Restoration Hardware.

Industrial art

A collection of vintage and reproduction industrial clocks hung on a wall creates an immediate focal point in a small foyer or going up a staircase. Oversized printing blocks, signs or black-and-white factory photographs will help to create an industrial feel on the walls. Old gears and machine parts become beautiful artwork when shadow-boxed in a simple black frame against a white linen backdrop. It's best to hang this type of art in singles — large groupings looks mass-produced and will cheapen the effect. Neutral Type Print Framed Art, $200, Crate and Barrel.

Get the look

Some decorative ways to get the industrial look:

- **Paint your ceiling a concrete grey colour.** Be dramatic in smaller areas like the foyer, bathroom or den. Painting the ceiling a rich concrete grey colour like Fusion AF-675 from Benjamin Moore Paints will add a surprising punch of drama to a space. Add a bright colour to the space like white, yellow or turquoise to liven it up and leave the walls off-white to keep the space bright.
- **Use leather and suede-looking upholstery.** Time-worn leathers or suede on contemporary furnishings can give both a rustic and modern feel to a room.
- **Keep window treatments simple.** Perforated window shades (the style most used on office windows) will keep a streamlined look to a room.

Shine on

Unique vintage lighting can be difficult; it often needs to be re-wired and takes bulb types that are no longer available or not home-safe. It's best to stick with reproduction light fixtures; a pendant would look sharp hanging over a dining table or even used as a swag light hung low over a coffee table. Remember that when light bulbs are exposed, the fixture needs to be on a dimmer switch to soften the glow of the bulb. Industrial Bulb Pendant Light, $130, West Elm.

Give it new life

Small furniture pieces that may have had a place in a mail room or hospital now take a stand in a bathroom or bedroom as a side table or chair. An old dental table can be brought back to life by giving it a spray of your favourite paint colour — think bright yellow or fuschia for impact in a room. Galvanized Metal Floor Storage, $150, Pottery Barn.

SARAH DORIO/AP PHOTO

▶ Designer Brian Patrick Flynn opted for open, stainless steel shelving and exposed concrete brick walls to evoke an industrial, yet sophisticated, feel.

Traditional house, industrial style

Add industrial touches to even the most traditional decor for a perfect blend of hipness and history

SARAH DORIO/AP PHOTO

▶ To create industrial-style spaces that are warm and cosy, designer Brian Patrick Flynn uses warm textiles and high-end upholstery techniques.

The builders of the early 20th century's factories and warehouses would be amazed. Elements used back then to create sparse, utilitarian workspaces — like rough-hewn wooden tables, rolling carts, metal filing cabinets and industrial lighting — are now hot items in home decorating.

These pieces, along with exposed brick walls and cement floors, first became popular when urban industrial spaces were being transformed into chic loft apartments.

But the trend has made its way from downtown lofts to suburban living rooms. Homeowners are adding industrial flair to even the most traditionally decorated houses.

It may sound challenging to mix items that evoke century-old manufacturing into your modern-day house. But designers say it's less complicated than you'd think: Industrial style blends easily into houses that already have a clean-lined, modern look.

GO FOR CONTRAST

"If I already have a carved-wood, French-traditional, damask sofa, I probably would mix in more of the wooden industrial pieces than metal," says Emily Henderson, host of HGTV's upcoming series Secrets from a Stylist.

The wood tones of different pieces don't need to match — in fact, it's best if they don't. "The huge contrast between industrial and traditional is what makes it work," she says. "Trying to make everything match colour-wise or wood-tone-wise can actually do you a disservice."

Feel free to experiment, putting a vintage piece of machinery on a sleek coffee table, or a tall, industrial lamp next to an overstuffed chair. The contrast will be easier to pull off if it's peppered throughout your home rather than concentrated only in one room.

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▶ An interior by designer Brian Patrick Flynn.

PERFECT FOR KITCHENS

Kitchens are a practical place to begin injecting industrial design. Stainless-steel appliances and professional-grade stoves have already brought an industrial feel to many residential kitchens.

To take it further, says decordemon.com founder Brian Patrick Flynn, "add two gigantic industrial lights over a kitchen island or over a big wooden table and you immediately have that look."

Painted plank wood floors are another popular industrial element. "The more wear and tear," Flynn says, "the more authentic the look."

SWAP OUT ACCENT PIECES

Throughout your home, consider replacing a side table or coffee table with an old industrial trunk, cart or card catalogue. Look for pieces with aged or distressed metal, rather than polished chrome.

Troll flea markets for old industrial items that are "fun, playful and unexpected," Flynn says. Even if you don't have a large, loft-like space, most homes can handle one or two oversize conversation pieces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Preparation:

1. In food processor, pulse together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add butter until just combined and resembling pea–sized course meal with a few large pieces. Cut butter into flour mix.
2. Pour flour mixture into large bowl. With a fork, stir in cheese, almonds and chives until well combind. Stir in almond milk until just moistened.
3. Gather dough into two balls until it holds together. Transfer dough onto a floured surface and knead. Press into two circles about ¾ inch (1.5 cm) thick. Cut each circle into 8 wedges and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet.
4. **Topping:** Brush tops with almond milk and sprinkle with salt. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 3 cups (750 mL) flour
- 2 ½ teaspoon (12 mL) baking powder
- ½ teaspoon (2 mL) baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon (4 mL) salt
- ¾ cup (175 mL) unsalted butter, cubed
- 2 cups (500 mL) extra old shredded white cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup (50 mL) slivered almonds
- ¼ cup (50 mL) finely chopped chives
- 1 cup (250 mL) almond milk

Topping

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) almond milk
- Fleur de sel sea salt

A taste of Latin America

This sirloin dish is called Picadillo and it can be served in a few ways

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Liven up dinner with this Latin American sirloin dish called Picadillo. Serve it the traditional way over rice or make a tasty treat by tucking it into taco shells with toppings.

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook garlic, onion, sweet pepper and ground beef, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is browned and completely cooked.
2. Add salsa, chili powder, cumin, olives and raisins; reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes. Add 2 to 3 tbsp (25 to 45 mL) of water if necessary. Sprinkle with almonds, if desired.

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▶ Picadillo contains a unique combination of beef, raisins, green olives, salsa and more.

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 sweet red, yellow or green pepper, finely diced
- 1 lb (500 g) extra-lean ground beef sirloin
- 1 cup (250 mL) medium or spicy salsa
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chili powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cumin
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sliced green olives
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- 1/2 cup (125 mL) slivered almonds (optional)

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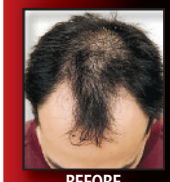
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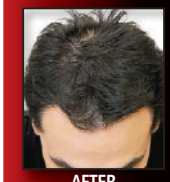
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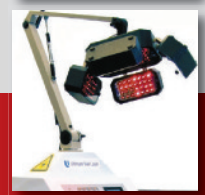

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Leafs finally win one in Buffalo

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Joey Crabb's short-handed goal midway through the third period sparked Toronto's 2-1 win over the Sabres last night and snapped the Maple Leafs' seven-game losing streak in Buffalo.

Phil Kessel also scored for Toronto, which hadn't won in Buffalo since Dec. 12, 2008.

The Maple Leafs have beaten their Northeast Division rival only twice in 15 meetings.

James Reimer allowed a goal on 15 shots to earn the victory in place of starter Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who spent the final two periods on the bench after sustaining an undisclosed lower body injury.

Paul Gaustad scored for the Sabres, 13-5-2 in their past 20 games. Buffalo squandered an opportunity to move into a tie with Carolina for eighth in the Eastern Conference.

Crabb's first goal of the season and fifth of his career gave Toronto a 2-0 lead with 11:31 left.

The Maple Leafs, who lost 6-2 at Buffalo just 10 days earlier, outshot the Sabres 25-15 over the final two periods and 30-24 overall.

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Bosh triumphant in return to ACC

- Former Raptor scores 25 for Heat
- Bargnani leads Toronto with 38

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Chris Bosh tuned out the boos of hostile crowd, scoring 25 points to lead the Heat to a 103-95 victory over the Raptors last night, in his first appearance in Toronto since he left for Miami in the off-season.

Dwyane Wade also had 25 points while LeBron James added 23 points, 13 rebounds and eight points for the Heat (41-15).

Andrea Bargnani topped Toronto with 38 points — 17 in the fourth quarter — while DeMar DeRozan added 24. Ed Davis had 13 rebounds to go with eight points and Amir Johnson had 11 rebounds for the Raptors (40-16), who have won just twice in their last 19 games.

The Heat, second in the Eastern Conference behind Boston and a championship contender, led for all but a few minutes in the opening quarter and took an 80-72 lead into the fourth. But the Raptors fed off the energy of the noisy Air Canada Centre crowd in one of their better recent efforts, and a DeRozan jump shot with less than six minutes to go in the game cut the Heat's lead to just four points.

Bargnani drained a pair of three-pointers in the final 2:42, but the good vibe in the arena disappeared when James scored twice in the final 1:27 to seal the victory for Miami.

Bosh looked completely unfazed by his hostile reception, looking up to the crowd and hollering once after a fierce one-handed dunk in the second.

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▶ Chris Bosh loses control of the ball as he is fouled by DeMar DeRozan.

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"I know something will have to happen whether I sign the extension or whether the Nuggets move me or whatever. Something is going to happen, so I try not to stress myself out about it."

NUGGETS STAR CARMELO ANTHONY INSISTS HE'S NOT FRETTING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN AS THE FEB. 24 NBA TRADE DEADLINE APPROACHES.

Blue Jays reportedly close to striking deal with Bautista

The Toronto Blue Jays and Jose Bautista appear to have found common ground in determining a fair-market value for the 2010 home-run king.

ESPNdesportes.com and Foxsports.com reported last night the sides were nearing a $65-million US, five-year contract. A source requesting anonymity indicated to The Canadian Press that things were getting close and the numbers sounded right.

The ESPNdesportes.com report said the contract would include financial support for Bautista's charity work and that some details still needed to be ironed out, including a physical for the 30-year-old.

If completed, the Blue Jays would lock up a player who went from underachieving journeyman to all-star during a remarkable 2010 season, during which he slugged a club-record 54 home runs, picked up 124 RBIs, scored 109 runs and walked 100 times.

The challenge in completing a long-term arrangement had been in accurately gauging a fair value on the production that can be expected in coming seasons from Bautista.

His 54 homers more than tripled his previous career-high of 16, and any agreement would need to protect the Blue Jays from a dramatic dip in production while at the same time offering enough incentive for Bautista to pass on free agency.

Bautista is entering his walk year and his 2011 salary will be decided in arbitration tomorrow if a multi-year agreement is not reached.

Yesterday morning, general manager Alex Anthopoulos said judging character, work ethic and approach to the game offered a way to create a comfort level in cases where a player's track record was insufficient for a proper judgment.

"The person will lead you in the right direction," Anthopoulos said.

"If you make the right bet that way, you end up being right more often than not."

The sides were due to have an arbitration hearing Monday, but it was postponed because Anthopoulos, speaking publicly yesterday for the first time since the delay, wanted "to continue to have dialogue with him and his representatives."

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Podsednik

The Toronto Blue Jays added another candidate to bat leadoff and play centre field by signing Scott Podsednik to a minor-league contract yesterday with an invitation to spring training.

- The 34-year-old speedster has 301 stolen bases and a .340 on-base percentage in 1,016 career games, and gives manager John Farrell another distracting presence on the basepaths.
- Along with fellow new addition Rajai Davis, who arrived in Dunedin, Fla., for training camp yesterday, Podsednik gives a Blue Jays club that ranked last in the American League in stolen bases last season a serious turbo charge.
- Podsednik stole 35 bases while adding six home runs, 51 RBIs and a .297 average in 134 games for the Kansas City Royals and Los Angeles Dodgers last season.
- Podsednik has stolen 30 or more bases in a season six times while Davis has swiped 25 or more bases four times.

DEADLINE PASSES

No deal for Pujols, Cardinals

The St. Louis Cardinals made Albert Pujols what they said was their best offer.

It wasn't enough.

So get ready, baseball: Pujols seems headed for the open market next fall.

The deadline Pujols set for the Cardinals to reach a new contract agreement passed yesterday with no deal, making it likely the three-time MVP will become a free agent after the World Series. The Cardinals said they will respect Pujols' wishes and not request more talks during the season, unless their first baseman surprisingly changes his mind.

"A difference of opinion in determining Albert's value simply could not be resolved," said Pujols' agent, Dan Lozano.

The Cardinals would not reveal their offer, though it was believed to be somewhere around $200 million US for eight years, possibly with an opportunity for Pujols to obtain an ownership stake in the franchise once his playing days are complete.

When — and if — talks resume, it's unclear if St. Louis will increase its offer to Pujols' liking.

"We explored a number of different things in the negotiation," Cardinals chairman William DeWitt Jr. said at a news conference. "Without getting specific in what those were, there was discussion about other things that could be part of the contract ... You can be sure that we explored a number of different avenues."

Pujols will make $16 million this season in his contract's final year, with $4 million of the money deferred with no interest.

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Sports in brief

Gunners best Barcelona

SOCCER. Arsenal rallied in the second half to beat Spanish giant Barcelona 2-1 in a thrilling first-leg match in the last 16 of the Champions League and three Brazilians scored for Shakhtar Donetsk in its 3-2 victory against Roma.

Russia captain Andrey Arshavin came off the bench and capped a flowing length-of-the-field move with the winner for Arsenal in the 83rd minute of a gripping game at Emirates Stadium in London.

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Vick bails on Oprah's show

TV. Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick will not be appearing on The Oprah Winfrey Show after all.

A show spokesman said yesterday representatives of the NFL star called late Tuesday to cancel his appearance for personal reasons. The daytime talk show host's interview with Vick was set to air Feb. 24.

The interview was to cover Vick's time in prison, his work with the Humane Society and his return to the NFL.

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Big contract for Seymour?

NFL. SI.com is reporting that the Oakland Raiders have agreed with defensive tackle Richard Seymour on a two-year, $30-million US contract that includes $22.5 million in guaranteed money.

The deal allows Oakland to avoid using a franchise tag on Seymour for a second straight season. He got about $12.4 million last season and would have been in line for a salary of about $14.9 million next season with the tag.

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Washington	57	29	18	5	5	153	143	68	17-7-2-5	12-11-3-0	4-4-0-2	L3
NY Rangers	58	30	24	2	2	162	144	64	13-12-1-2	17-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	58	27	23	4	4	170	178	62	14-9-1-1	13-14-3-3	4-4-2-0	L1
Buffalo	56	27	23	6	0	165	166	60	12-13-2-0	15-10-4-0	6-3-0-1	L1
Atlanta	58	25	23	4	6	167	188	60	13-12-1-4	12-11-3-2	2-5-1-2	L1
Toronto	58	25	27	3	3	150	178	56	13-11-3-2	12-16-0-1	6-3-1-0	W2
Florida	56	24	25	3	4	148	152	55	12-10-3-3	12-15-0-1	3-5-1-1	L1
New Jersey	57	23	30	3	1	123	160	50	13-13-2-1	10-17-0-1	8-1-1-0	W5
NY Islanders	57	21	29	3	4	155	189	49	10-13-1-3	11-16-2-1	6-4-0-0	W4
Ottawa	57	18	30	5	4	129	190	45	9-15-2-3	9-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	58	37	12	4	5	196	137	83	20-4-1-4	17-8-3-1	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	56	34	16	4	2	187	163	74	17-8-3-1	17-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Phoenix	58	30	19	6	3	165	162	69	14-10-3-2	16-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W5
Anaheim	57	32	21	2	2	159	157	68	17-8-0-1	15-13-2-1	8-2-0-0	W4
Dallas	57	31	20	2	4	160	162	68	17-8-2-3	14-12-0-1	2-7-1-0	L2
Nashville	57	30	19	5	3	151	135	68	13-5-4-3	17-14-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
San Jose	58	31	21	4	2	160	152	68	13-10-2-1	18-11-2-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Calgary	59	29	22	3	5	177	173	66	16-9-1-2	13-13-2-3	7-1-1-1	W1
Los Angeles	57	32	22	2	1	160	135	67	17-9-1-0	15-13-1-1	8-0-1-1	W3
Minnesota	56	30	21	1	4	147	149	65	14-12-0-2	16-9-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
Chicago	56	28	22	2	4	177	158	62	16-13-0-0	12-9-3-3	4-4-1-1	L2
Columbus	57	28	23	3	3	155	172	62	14-13-0-2	14-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
St. Louis	55	25	21	4	5	148	164	59	17-8-1-3	8-13-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Colorado	57	25	26	6	0	171	195	56	14-14-3-0	11-12-3-0	1-9-0-0	L8
Edmonton	57	17	32	1	7	141	194	42	8-17-1-3	9-15-1-3	3-7-0-0	W1

d – division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 2 Buffalo 1
Los Angeles 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
New Jersey 3 Carolina 2
Philadelphia 4 Florida 2
Minnesota at Chicago
Pittsburgh at Colorado
Dallas at Calgary
Washington at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 4 Dallas 1
Toronto 4 Boston 3
Vancouver 4 Minnesota 1
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 Tampa Bay 3 (SO)
San Jose 2 Nashville 1 (OT)
Tonight's games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, SABRES 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Brent Tor (interference) 2:36, Toronto bench (too many men; served by Lupul) 14:22, Grabovski Tor (hooking) 16:27.
Second Period
1. Toronto, Kessel 22 (Kaberle, Lupul) 4:36
Penalties — Lupul Tor (roughing), Connolly Buf (roughing, tripping) 10:09.
Third Period
2. Toronto, Crabb 1 (Brent) 8:29 (sh)
3. Buffalo, Gaustad 8 (Stafford, Butler) 10:20
Penalties — Gerbe Buf (interference) 4:44, Gaustad Buf (hooking) 5:10, Gunnarsson Tor (hooking) 7:49.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	5	10	15	—30
Buffalo	9	8	7	—24

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Giguere (9-9), Reimer (W,8-4-1)(start second)(15-14); Buffalo: Miller (L,24-16-5).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-3; Buffalo: 0-4.
Referees — Frederick L'Ecuyer, Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Scott Driscoll.
Att. — 18,414 (18,690) at Buffalo, N.Y.

DEVILS 3, HURRICANES 2

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Bodie Car, Fraser NJ (fighting) 1:47.
Second Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 20 (Palmieri, Zajac) 5:41
Penalties — Jokinen Car (diving), C.White NJ (hooking) 19:58.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Rolston 9 (Elias, Salmela) 0:34
3. New Jersey, Elias 14 (Rolston, Fayne) 1:59
4. Carolina, Samsonov 10 (Tlusty) 8:17
5. Carolina, Ruutu 14 (E.Staal, McBain) 19:55
Penalties — C.White NJ (interference) 8:42, Fraser NJ (cross-checking) 11:02, Skinner Car (hooking) 11:42.
Shots on goal by

Carolina	5	6	16	—27
New Jersey	6	8	8	—22

Goal — Carolina: Ward (L,24-19-7); New Jersey: Hedberg (W,10-10-2).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Carolina: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Ciamaga, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — Michel Cormier, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 14,445 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

KINGS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Williams 20 (Loktionov, Martinez) 16:52
2. Columbus, Voracek 11 (MacKenzie, Nash) 18:34
Penalty — Clitsome Clb (high-sticking) 14:46.
Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Loktionov 4 (Greene) 13:05
4. Columbus, Nash 27 (MacKenzie, Clitsome) 15:14
Penalties — Clark Clb (elbowing) 4:55, Doughty LA (hooking) 18:24, Lewis LA (tripping) 18:31.
Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Doughty 8 (Handzus, Kopitar) 6:08
6. Columbus, Russell 3 (Voracek, Nash) 18:37
Penalty — Russell Clb (high-sticking) 12:28.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Los Angeles wins 1-0
Los Angeles (1) — Handzus, miss; Stoll, goal.
Columbus (0) — Nash, miss; Calvert, miss; Huselius, miss.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	10	10	7	2	—29
Columbus	7	6	9	2	—24

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,26-14-2); Columbus: Garon (L,9-9-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 0-3; Columbus: 0-2.
Referees — Kyle Rehman, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, Darren Gibbs.
Att. — 12,442 (18,144) at Columbus, Ohio.

LATE TUESDAY
OILERS 4, STARS 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 12 (Gagner, Vandermeer) 18:02
Penalty — Daley Dal (hooking) 15:58.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Chorney 1 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 7:40 (pp)
3. Dallas, Eriksson 19 (Williams, Lehtonen) 16:31 (pp)
4. Edmonton, Horcoff 8 (Hemsky, Chorney) 18:10 (pp)
Penalties — Fistric Dal (hooking) 7:18, Dallas bench (too many men; served by Gagnon) 9:51, Horcoff Edm (tripping) 15:50, Wandell Dal (tripping) 16:41.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Hemsky 10 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 0:28
Penalties — Jacques Edm (interference) 5:38, Eberle Edm (holding) 13:52, Fistric Dal (cross-checking) 17:25, Neal Dal (slashing) 19:45.
Shots

Dallas	7	9	9—25
Edmonton	11	12	7—30

Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,23-16-6); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,9-25-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 1-3; Edmonton: 2-6.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Bill McCreary.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	26	16	9	1	57	25	57
Arsenal	26	16	5	5	56	27	53
Man City	27	14	7	6	43	24	49
Tottenham	26	13	8	5	37	28	47
Chelsea	26	13	6	7	46	22	45
Liverpool	27	11	6	10	35	32	39
Sunderland	27	9	10	8	33	33	37
Bolton	27	9	9	9	38	37	36
Newcastle	27	9	8	10	42	38	35
Stoke	26	10	3	13	31	33	33
Blackburn	27	9	5	13	34	42	32
Fulham	27	6	13	8	28	28	31
Everton	26	6	12	8	33	36	30
Birmingham	26	6	12	8	25	35	30
Aston Villa	27	7	9	11	31	46	30
Blackpool	26	8	5	13	39	50	29
West Brom	26	7	6	13	34	51	27
Wigan	27	5	12	10	27	45	27
West Ham	27	5	10	12	30	48	25
Wolverhampton	26	7	3	16	26	45	24

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Leg
Yesterday's results
Arsenal (England) 2 Barcelona (Spain) 1
AS Roma (Italy) 2 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3
Tuesday Results
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Tottenham (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 1 Schalke (Germany) 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with INF Orlando Cabrera on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with OF Delmon Young on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Released LHP Neal Cotts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Scott Podsednik on a minor league contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Lance Cormier on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with 2B Rickie Weeks on a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Designated RHP Luis Atilano for assignment

NBA

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS — Promoted interim coach Paul Silas to coach and signed him to a one-year contract extension.
International

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Promoted passing game coordinator Mike Miller to offensive coordinator.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released DL Marcus Stroud.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Reassigned quarterbacks coach Frank Reich to receivers coach, receivers coach Ron Turner to quarterbacks coach and offensive assistant Jim Bob Cooter to assistant to the offensive coordinator.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Designated LB Tamba Hali their franchise player.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Tracy Rocker defensive line coach.
Arena Football League
ARIZONA RATTLERS — Signed DL Randy Earl.

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned G Marco Cousineau from Syracuse (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL) and G Timo Pielmeier to Syracuse (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated LW Ethan Moreau from injured reserve.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Kris Newbury from Connecticut (AHL).

NLL

EDMONTON RUSH — Traded D Ian Hawksbee to Washington for D Tyler Codron.

MLS

D.C. UNITED — Signed F Charlie Davies for the 2011 season on loan from FC Sochaux (France-Ligue 1).
HOUSTON DYNAMO — Acquired D Jermaine Taylor from St. George's (Jamaica).

LACROSSE

WEEK SEVEN

Tomorrow's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Singles
Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-1, 3-5, retired.
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Francesca Schiavone (3), Italy, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-1.
Sam Stosur, (4), Australia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Li Na (5), China, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-2, 6-3.
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus, def. Peng Shuai, China, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwansaka (8), Poland def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 7-5, 6-4.
Shahar Peer (9), Israel, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.
Marion Bartoli (10), France, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
Kaia Kanepi (12), Estonia, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Alisa Kleybanova (15), Russia, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (16), Russia, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.
Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Zheng Jie, China, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, and Anastasia Rodionova (5), Australia, 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).
Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (6), U.S., def. Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, and Iveta Benesova (8), Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 10-7 tiebreak.
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Selima Sfar, Tunisia, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, 6-3, 6-0.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Yan Zi, China, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Zhang Shuai, China, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 10-8 (tiebreak).

ATP OPEN 13 RESULTS

At Marseille, France
Singles
First Round
Ivan Ljubicic (5), Croatia, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-4.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ernests Gulbis (7), Latvia, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Second Round
Jurgen Melzer (4), Austria, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-5, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Benoit Paire and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. James Cerretani, U.S., and Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont., 4-6, 6-3, 10-2 (tiebreak).
Arnaud Clement and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Philipp Marx (4), Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Julien Benneteau and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Quarter-finals
Marin Cilic and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, def. Tomasz Bednarek, Poland, and Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-0, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	40	14	.741	—
d-Miami	41	15	.732	—
d-Chicago	37	16	.698	2½
Orlando	36	21	.632	5½
Atlanta	34	21	.618	6½
New York	28	26	.519	12
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	14½
Indiana	24	29	.453	15½
Charlotte	24	32	.429	17
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	19
Detroit	20	36	.357	21
New Jersey	17	40	.298	24½
Washington	15	39	.278	25
Toronto	15	41	.268	26
Cleveland	10	46	.179	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Dallas	38	16	.704	7½
d-L.A. Lakers	38	19	.667	9
d-Oklahoma City	35	19	.648	10½
New Orleans	33	24	.579	14
Portland	31	24	.564	15
Denver	31	25	.554	15½
Utah	31	25	.554	15½
Memphis	31	26	.544	16
Phoenix	27	26	.509	18
Houston	26	30	.464	20½
Golden State	25	29	.463	20½
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	26
Sacramento	13	39	.250	31½
Minnesota	13	42	.236	33

d – division leader
Last night's results
Orlando 101, Washington 76
Miami 103, Toronto 95
Boston 94, New Jersey 80
Cleveland 104, L.A. Lakers 99
New York 102, Atlanta 90
Indiana at Detroit
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota
Sacramento at Dallas
Philadelphia at Houston
Golden State at Utah
Denver at Milwaukee
New Orleans at Portland
Tuesday's results
Miami 110, Indiana 103
Chicago 106, Charlotte 94
Memphis 102, Philadelphia 91
Oklahoma City 126, Sacramento 96
Phoenix 102, Utah 101
Golden State 102, New Orleans 89
Tonight's games
San Antonio at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	50	478	397	1444	28.9
Stoudemire, NYK	52	513	326	1361	26.2
James, MIA	53	481	355	1385	26.1
Wade, MIA	51	456	336	1292	25.3
Bryant, LAL	56	503	336	1415	25.3
Ellis, GOL	54	508	255	1359	25.2
Anthony, DEN	49	421	338	1221	24.9
Rose, CHI	52	463	269	1276	24.5
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Martin, HOU	54	361	413	1254	23.2
Griffin, LAC	55	476	288	1247	22.7
Howard, ORL	54	433	357	1223	22.6
Nowitzki, DAL	45	369	236	1019	22.6
Westbrook, OKC	54	405	371	1200	22.2
Aldridge, POR	55	479	255	1216	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	49	400	203	1059	21.6
Williams, UTA	52	364	295	1111	21.4
Love, MIN	55	381	325	1161	21.1
Granger, IND	52	369	241	1089	20.9
Randolph, MEM	52	418	205	1046	20.1
Beasley, MIN	47	375	144	934	19.9
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	56	405	278	1088	19.4
Scola, HOU	56	444	179	1067	19.1
Jackson, CHA	54	358	212	1028	19.0
West, NOR	56	424	208	1058	18.9
Gasol, LAL	56	403	235	1041	18.6
Pierce, BOS	53	341	229	985	18.6
Bosh, MIA	51	351	230	938	18.4
Evans, SAC	46	321	164	843	18.3
Ginobili, SAN	55	304	263	985	17.9

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Armstrong retires, ending his comeback

Lance Armstrong is retiring again — this time for good.

Almost one month after finishing 65th in his last competitive race in Australia, and nearly six years removed from the last of an unprecedented seven straight Tour de France titles, the 39-year-old cyclist made clear there is no reset button this time.

"Never say never," Armstrong laughed at the start of an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, then quickly added, "Just kidding."

His retirement ends a comeback effort that failed to produce an eighth title or diminish talk that performance-enhancing drugs helped his career.

"I can't say I have any regrets. It's been an excellent ride. I really thought I was going to win another tour," Armstrong said about his comeback attempt in 2009, four years after his first retirement. "Then I lined up like everybody else and wound up third.

"I have no regrets about last year, either," he added, despite finishing 23rd.

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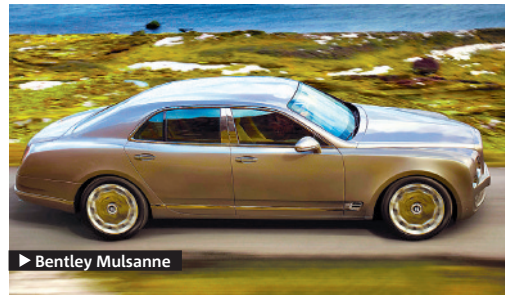
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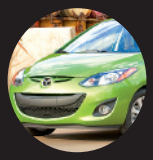

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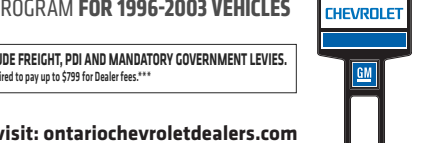

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Auto Show by the numbers

$90M

The estimated value of the exhibits at the show, not including the classic car exhibit — some of which are priceless.

258,652

The attendance of last year's auto show, which followed 253,384 in 2009.

500,000

The size, in square feet, of the floor space within the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

500

Approximate number of people needed to run the show, including 100 catering people required to feed the staff and press.

Canadian premieres at the 2011 Toronto Auto Show

1

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2

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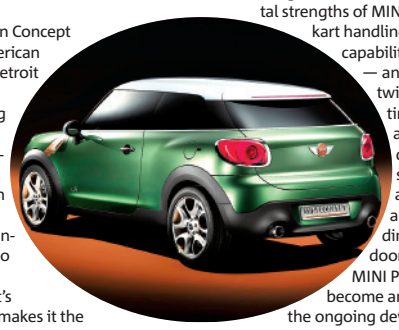
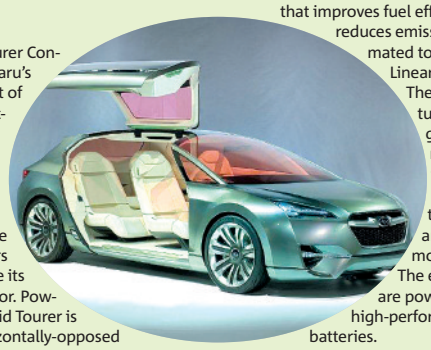
2 CONCEPT CARS TO CHECK OUT AT THE AUTO SHOW

MINI PACEMAN CONCEPT
BMW Group



The MINI Paceman Concept had its North American premiere at the Detroit auto show. The brand is preparing to celebrate its 10th North American anniversary with the Canadian premiere of the MINI Paceman Concept at the Toronto show. The MINI Paceman Concept's crossover design makes it the first Sports Activity Coupe (SAC) in the small car segment. The design takes the fundamental strengths of MINI — its uniqueness, go-kart handling, agility, dynamic capability and individual design — and gives them a fresh twist with the help of cutting-edge technology and an innovative body concept. It combines a sporty, masculine appearance, versatility and coupe looks with the dimensions of the four-door MINI Countryman. The MINI Paceman Concept could become another building block in the ongoing development of the brand and its product portfolio.

HYBRID TOURER CONCEPT
Subaru



The Hybrid Tourer Concept Car is Subaru's announcement of a new gas/electric hybrid system based on Subaru's boxer engine. The concept features unique gull-wing doors that emphasize its spacious interior. Powering the Hybrid Tourer is a 2.0-litre horizontally-opposed direct fuel-injection turbo gasoline engine that improves fuel efficiency and reduces emissions. The turbo is mated to Subaru's Lineartronic (CVT). The powertrain features a unique gas/hybrid two-motor system with an electric power/drive motor in the front and another drive motor in the rear. The electric motors are powered by new high-performance lithium batteries.

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Lariat model shown

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Estimated fuel consumption ratings for the 2011 F-150 4X2 3.7L V6 SST based on Transport Canada approved test methods. Actual fuel consumption may vary based on road conditions, vehicle loading and driving habits. ‡‡Estimated fuel consumption ratings for 2011 Ranger 4x2 4.0L V6 5 speed manual. ■ Projected best in class fuel economy based on competitive data available at the time of testing using Ford drive-cycle tests (in accordance with the guidelines of the Society of Automotive Engineers' Standard J1321) of comparably equipped 2011 Ford vs. 2010 competitive models. Class is Full-Size Pickups over 8,500 lbs. GVWR.

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▶ 2008 Hyundai Tucson

The 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2005 to 2009 Hyundai Tucson
- **Vehicle Type:** Crossover
- **Approximate used price range:** $9,000 to $19,000

The Hyundai Tucson built its reputation on value-priced flexibility, capability and sensibility.

Available to Canadian shoppers from 2005 to 2009, the last generation of this machine competed with the likes of the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

It was available with two or four-wheel drive and four or six-cylinder power to fit a variety of needs and budgets. Affordable pricing was, arguably, key to this machine's success.

Four-wheel drive models came almost exclusively with the automatic transmission — though a rare four-cylinder, four-wheel drive model with manual transmission was available in 2006.

The six-cylinder engine generated 173 horsepower and came only with the automatic gearbox. The four-cylinder made do with 140 horsepower.

Look for features like leather seating, alloy wheels, tinted glass, a sunroof, stability control, remote entry and air conditioning. Split-folding rear seats added flexibility, and a special anniversary edition was available in front-drive trim towards the end of Tucson's life, offering upgraded equipment including an in-dash navigation system and premium audio. Look for winter-busting heated wipers and mirrors, too.

What Owners Like

Owners tend to rate fuel mileage, comfort, versatility and equipment levels relative to price the most highly.

Other stated plusses include a quiet ride, easy entry and exit, plenty of at-hand storage space and good visibility.

Models with the four-wheel drive system are said to be confident performers in the snow, too.

What Owners Hate

Tucson's plain and cheaply-trimmed cabin, old-school controls, lack of interior colour and smaller rear seats tended to garner the most complaints from owners of the last-generation model. Many owners wished for more power from the four-cylinder engine, too.

Common Issues

Note any 'check engine' lights, which could indicate a problem with one or more sensors that control the Tucson's powerplant engine. This could also indicate a problem with the vehicle's fuel pump, which is a relatively pricey repair. Do not buy a used Tucson with a check-engine light until you've determined why it's lit up.

The Verdict

Ultimately, the last-generation Tucson looks to be a fairly solid bet when it comes to a small, used crossover SUV. Owner reports of expensive, systematic or worrisome failure of engines, drivetrain parts or other pricey components were infrequent in searches of online owner forums.

Other than some recall work, shoppers can expect the first-generation Tucson to be a reliable performer — if it's been cared for and properly maintained.

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Honda

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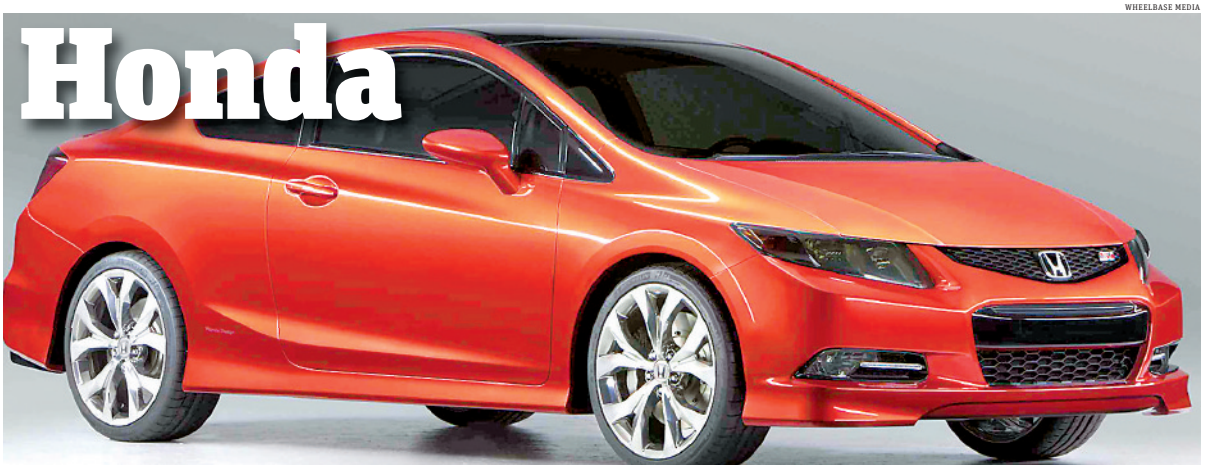

The popular Civic sedan and coupe get complete makeovers, but still look similar to the current models.

Honda promises improved power and fuel efficiency across the line, which includes the sporty Si, natural-gas-powered GX and gas-electric Civic Hybrid that will feature lithium-ion batteries (instead of nickel-metal-hydride) for the first time.

WHEELBASE MEDIA

BMW

The 1 Series M performance coupe makes its way to dealers this spring saddled with a 335-horsepower twin-turbocharged inline six-cylinder engine, sport suspension and big alloy wheels and brakes.

Also shown was the spectacularly new 650i convertible with its 400-horsepower 4.4-litre V8.

WHEELBASE MEDIA

Audi

A sleek new A6 highlighted the turntable and provided a neat contrast to the even sleeker A7 hatchback that the automaker introduced a couple of months earlier.

Audi claims the sedan is larger, quieter and more rigid than the outgoing model and features added luxury content.

Engine choices include a 177-horsepower turbo-diesel and a gasoline-electric hybrid powerplant that delivers 245 horses.

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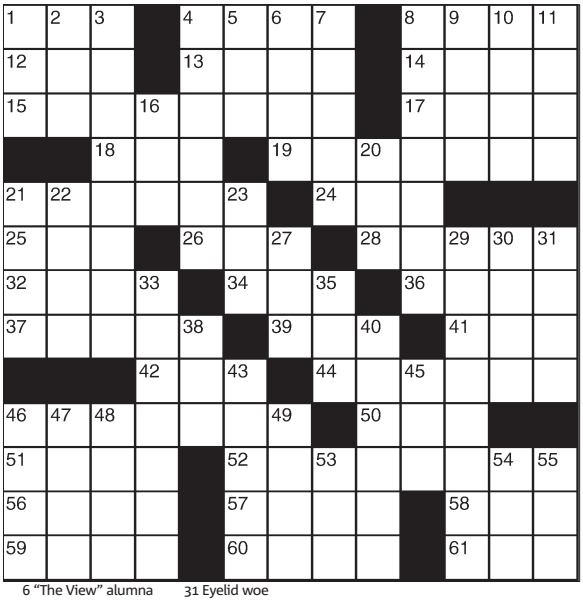

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1 Every last bit
4 Marine of old TV
8 Instances of word-play
12 Shelter
13 Picnic spoiler
14 On
15 TSA checks
17 Eastern princess
18 Poorly lit
19 Action-movie sound
21 Boutique, perhaps
24 Quite some time
25 In what way?
26 Bill
28 Marionette parts
32 "— It Romantic?"
34 Mojito ingredient
36 Green stroke
37 Man of morals?
39 America's uncle
41 Chesapeake, e.g.
42 Actor Stephen
44 Tease
46 Bring charges against
50 Long —
51 Back
52 Square dances
56 Approximately
57 Mark replacement
58 Zero
59 Loch — Monster
60 Sketch
61 Agent

Down

1 Matterhorn, e.g.
2 Place to graze
3 Disappointments
4 Immediate
5 Deviate off course
6 "The View" alumna Lisa
7 Follow
8 Carrot cousin
9 Hexagonal state
10 Admonition to Nanette
11 Skewer
16 Party bowlful
20 Present
21 Actor LaBoeuf
22 Stockings
23 Listener
27 Clear the tables
29 Massages
30 List-ending abbr.
31 Eyelid woe
33 Bullring VIPs
35 Fellow
38 Shooter ammo
40 Jamie-Lynn's "Sopranos" role
43 Was sore
45 Id counterpart
46 Press
47 Simple
48 Go by
49 Session with a shrink
53 Historic period
54 Pinch
55 Crafty

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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7	9	2	5	3	1	8	6	4
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I love you Mimi! You're the most amazing boyfriend and I couldn't ask for anyone better. You're my best friend and I'll always be here for you no matter what. Purple monkeys boobookins! **XOXO KIKA**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Treat friends and colleagues with the respect that they deserve. That means making sure they know what is going on and making sure they feel like they are part of your plans.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Your dealings with employers will go better if you get rid of the idea that there always have to be winners and losers. Life is not a zero sum game. Find ways to be successful together.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will feel as if a huge burden has been lifted from your shoulders today. Most likely all that has happened is you have let go of emotions that serve no positive purpose. Life is what it is, so just enjoy it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but they have been building up for some time. There is no reason why you should not have certain desires, but you must find constructive outlets for them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 As far as partners and loved ones are concerned, you can do no wrong today. But that is not an excuse to misbehave. Remind those you care for that you will always be there for them.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The current cosmic picture urges you to slow down. It seems you've reached the point where the more effort you put in, the less you get back. Why run yourself into the ground?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Even if you are the kind of Libra who tries not to get emotional, you will want to let those who are important to you know how much you care for them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Sadly, not everyone is as optimistic about life's possibilities as you. Make allowances for those who are feeling a bit down in the dumps. What can you do to cheer them up?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will feel much happier with yourself, and with life in general if you make an effort to get out and about. Travel arrangements will go well for you today, so well in fact that you may not want to come back.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Times may be tough financially but for some reason you don't seem as worried about your cash flow as you were just a few days ago. That's good.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your outlook will improve considerably today as the Sun in your sign joins forces with Neptune, planet of imagination. What kind of future do you want for yourself? Picture it in your mind and never doubt that it will come true.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you want to be left alone today, let other people know they don't have the right to invade your space. The first person who does must be put right, loudly. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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